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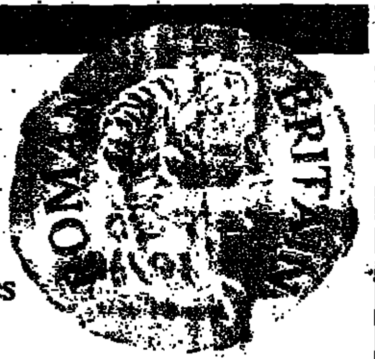

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Hogg learnt of calves risk on July 19

Europe ready to scrap beef export deal

By Philip Webster, political editor, and Michael Dynes in Brussels

JOHN MAJOR'S hopes of lifting most of the ban on British beef exports by November were in tatters last night after Germany and Brussels virtually tore up the deal that ended the beef war with Europe.

After the revelation that "mad cow" disease can be passed from mother to calf, the German Agriculture Minister called for a return to the total ban on British beef and its by-products while Franz Fischler, the European Agriculture Commissioner, called for a rethink of the framework drawn up in Florence six weeks ago.

As the crisis deepened Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, came under pressure over charges that he deliberately withheld from Parliament interim information which he had given to Herr Fischler, suggesting evidence of maternal transmission of BSE.

In a Commons debate on July 24, Mr Hogg made no mention of the study by Government scientists on cow to calf transmission which had been put before the Government's Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee five days earlier, on July 19.

Mr Hogg had been aware of the interim findings and, according to Herr Fischler's spokesman yesterday, had communicated them to him three weeks ago.

But Agriculture Ministry officials said Mr Hogg could not have been expected to inform the Commons of the findings until the specialist committee had reported to him, which it did earlier this week.

Herr Fischler said in a letter to Mr Hogg, released yesterday, that he understood it was the new information about maternal transmission that had led him to postpone last month the implementation of the programme for the selective slaughter of 147,000 cattle.

But officials said Herr Fischler was mistaken. They pointed to Mr Hogg's explanation in the Commons debate that there was already a big backlog in the related scheme for the slaughter of up to one million cows aged 30 months and over.

Hogg: no mention of calves study to MPs

Paul Tyler, the Liberal Democrat agriculture spokesman, accused Mr Hogg of "a deliberate failure to inform Parliament of the latest BSE scientific evidence", and said that if MPs had known last week that the whole programme was back in the melting pot he would have had a much rougher ride.

Frank Dobson, Labour's environment spokesman, said: "It has now been revealed that Douglas Hogg told Herr Fischler about the latest evidence on BSE being passed from cow to calf three weeks ago. But he didn't tell the House of Commons, even though he had every opportunity to do so. The Tories claim they stick up for Britain in Europe and stick up for the rights of the British Parliament. Douglas Hogg hasn't done that. Quite the reverse. He stuck two fingers up to the House of Commons."

Senior MPs said that if the Commons were still sitting, Mr Hogg would have been in serious trouble yesterday over the disclosure that he had not told MPs.

There was also doubt over Mr Hogg's assertion that only last-born calves were at risk from the transmission of the disease from infected mothers.

Derek Ammon, herdsman at Park Farm, Limpsfield, Surrey, gave *The Times* details of three cases in which the first-born calf of mothers which had died from the disease had also perished. In one case the mother and calf died on the same day.

"This evidence disputes everything they were saying yesterday. Herdsmen on other farms have told me the same thing has bappened there. Once again we are being given bogus information," he said.

Euro-sceptic Tory MPs reacted with anger after Jochen Borchert, the German Agriculture Minister, called for a total embargo on British beef; with the EU reconsidering its decision to relax the ban on exports of semen, gelatine and tallow.

Some MPs called for the EU non-cooperation tactic to be revived, although ministers are likely to reject the idea as counter-productive.

After the Florence summit, Mr Major said he hoped most of the ban would be over by November. But Mr Hogg's decision to delay putting the selective cull orders to the Commons means that there cannot be parliamentary authority for it until October at the earliest. Mr Tyler predicted yesterday that Mr Hogg would lose the vote and his position would become untenable.

The biggest blow was the letter from Herr Fischler to Mr Hogg, suggesting that a review of the framework deal would be required now that the new route of BSE infection had been discovered. He asked two EU scientific committees to look into whether the selective slaughter of up to 147,000 cattle from previously infected herds planned for this autumn should be extended to calves. Their recommenda-

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Lure of gold: another record-beating medal would make Carl Lewis the most marketable athlete in the world

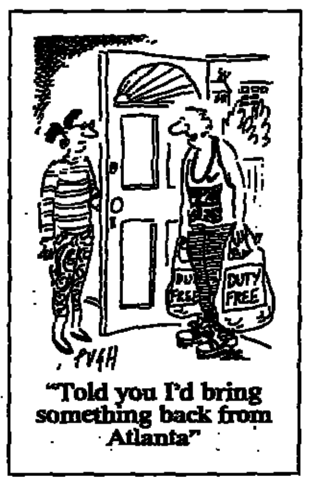
Carl Lewis in the backroom stakes

From Quentin Letts
in Atlanta

AMERICA'S star athlete Carl Lewis will probably have a chance today to become the most gilded Olympian of all time — but only after a rum chapter of committee-room manoeuvres and commercial muscle-flexing.

While the British runners were dropping the baton yesterday in the heats, the suave Lewis appeared to have smoothed his way onto the American 4 x 100 metres relay team, despite the fact that he neither qualified for the event in Olympic trials nor trained with the team. His desire to join the race, and run in today's final, is stronger than a boyish desire to run at school sports day. There is money at stake. Victory would make him the most marketable sportsman in the world.

After his win in the Olympic longjump this week, one more gold medal would take Lewis past the hauls of Mark Spitz, the US swimmer, Larisa Latynina, the Soviet gymnast, and Paavo Nurmi, the Finnish long-distance runner. Lewis could then justifiably call himself the greatest athlete of all time and charge sponsors accordingly. Herv Hunt, who coaches the US athletes, said that Lewis would receive "strong consideration" for the final.



"Told you I'd bring something back from Atlanta"

Soon after Lewis won the longjump he let it be known that he would like to run in the relay, despite the fact that there was no vacancy. He denied "lobbying" for the slot but the signals were clear.

Suddenly, Leroy Burrell, a member of the relay team, discovered that he had a sore ankle which would prevent him running. He produced a medical certificate to prove that he had Achilles tendinitis. Burrell is not only a longstanding friend of Lewis but is also signed up with an endorsement deal to the same gym shoe company, Nike.

Burrell's place should have been taken by the team's reserve runner, Tim Montgomerie, but with NBC Television agitating for a weekend climax to its Olympic coverage, Lewis looks a certainty, despite having finished last in the 100 metres at the US Olympic trials.

He claimed that he was helpless before the demands of his public. There had been "millions" of people calling him, urging him to run.

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US finds terrorist training camps in Iran

From Ian Brodie
in Washington

IRAN operates a network of 11 training camps for foreign terrorists, according to classified US intelligence documents published yesterday.

American officials believe the terrorists who bombed US military targets in Saudi Arabia last November and again in June were trained in these camps. The FBI was said to be investigating whether terrorists with Iranian backing were responsible for the explosion that brought down TWA Flight 800 with the loss of 230 lives two weeks ago.

The documents show how Iran's network of state-sponsored terrorism has grown more sophisticated in the past year. According to them, the White House believes that two Saudi dissident groups linked to the recent bombings — the Organisation of Islamic Revolution and the Hezbollah of Hejaz — were trained at the Imam Ali camp in the suburbs of east Tehran, the largest of the 11 sites.

All the camps are designed to look like villages and feature houses, shops and mosques, but they are out of bounds to the public. The camps' existence was uncovered through satellite photos, radio and telephone wiretaps and visual confirmation by agents on the ground.

The trail of violence was said to lead directly to President Rafsanjani, with all acts of terrorism being approved by Iran's Supreme Council, of which he is the head. Iran denies it has training camps.

A recent conference in Tehran on terrorism is believed to have drawn groups and potential recruits from Libya, Algeria, Sudan, Turkey, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Gaza and Saudi Arabia.

Middle East talks held in Ascot

The Israeli Prime Minister has had secret talks with King Husain of Jordan about a total Middle East peace. They met in Ascot, outside London, last weekend, where the King was convalescing after an operation. Binyamin Netanyahu had spoken earlier to John Major ...... Page 12

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King Rat's rogue terror unit disbanded by the UVF

By Nicholas Watt, chief Ireland correspondent

THE Ulster Volunteer Force yesterday disbanded a rogue unit which has persistently called for an end to the loyalist ceasefire.

In a statement issued by ten armed, masked men, the leadership of the loyalist terrorist group announced that the unit from Portadown, County Armagh, had been stood down after an internal inquiry.

The unit, part of the UVF's mid-Ulster Brigade, is headed by a terrorist known as King Rat. He is widely believed to have sanctioned the murder of Michael McGoldrick, a Roman Catholic taxi driver, during the disturbances last month and he played a leading role in stoking up trouble during the standoff at Drumcree. King Rat was also widely blamed for a hoax bomb attack at Dublin airport in the spring.

The statement said: "As a result of a preliminary investigation into a Portadown unit ... a decision has been taken by the Command Staff of the UVF to disband this unit as from 2nd August 1996. There will be on-going investigations by the internal affairs section of the UVF into the activities of this particular unit".

McGoldrick: killed by gunman in his taxi

The dramatic move by the UVF leadership came after months of pressure from King Rat for a resumption of the terror campaign. The final straw came on Sunday when the Portadown unit launched an attack on the UVF leadership and on David Ervine, the main spokesman for the Progressive Unionist party, which is the UVF's political wing.

The UVF took its time to crack down on the rogue unit because King Rat has a devoted following in Portadown and the UVF will be acutely conscious of the dangers posed to itself and to its ceasefire by this latest move. However, the UVF is a ruthless organisation and it will have covered its tracks before acting.

The announcement yesterday will be greeted with relief in ministerial circles on both sides of the Irish border. There had been fears that the loyalist ceasefire was close to collapse.

Civil servants' sick leave costs £419m

By A Staff Reporter

HIGH rates of sick leave among civil servants are costing the taxpayer £419 million a year, MPs said yesterday.

Workers in the public sector took an average of nine days off ill each in 1994, according to a report by the Commons Public Accounts Committee. That was three days more than their counterparts in private firms but British business lost £10 billion through sickness in the same year.

The report highlighted the Land Registry, where staff took 2½ weeks off sick a year at their worst point, more than any other large Government department or agency. The Registry admits it allowed an increasingly serious problem "to get away from them" between 1988 and 1991, when absences shot up from 8.5 days to 13.2, and their performance suffered a "marked decline" relative to other departments.

By 1994, the average rate of absence had fallen to 10.6 days off, but this was still above average Civil Service levels, and cost the taxpayer £5 million. The Registry blamed the poor rates of absenteeism on its relatively high number of female and junior staff, who reportedly tend to take more time off sick. But the MPs said they found it "disturbing" that a number of staff with poor health records during probationary periods were kept on.

In a number of cases where staff were off work for a long time because of sickness, they were not interviewed at the appropriate time and written warnings were not always given when they should have been. But the MPs said they appreciated it could be difficult to distinguish between cases of "genuine sickness and malingering".

The Registry has now taken measures to tighten up, with sickness absence targets, a ban on smoking and a health screening programme.

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Labour launches battle of beaches 'to nail Tory lies'

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

LABOUR leaders armed themselves with posters, balloons, frisbees and sticks of rock yesterday to go into battle against what they called the "Tory lie machine". They pledged to fight the Conservatives on the beaches from Blackpool to Benidorm.

At the same time they denied they were sinking into the gutter with their foes and pledged to do nothing to disrupt the holidays of those who had left Britain to escape the political maelstrom.

In a foretaste of what may turn out to be the dirtiest of elections, Labour launched its "Same Old Tories, Same Old Lies" campaign to rebut the claims made about Tony Blair's policies in the Conservative "New Labour, New Danger" offensive.

Dozens of expatriate Labour supporters in Europe's most popular sunspots will take up the cudgels, using party issue posters, balloons and rock. The aim is to nail what Labour says are Tory lies about its policies on tax, jobs, the unions, higher mortgages, law and order, constitutional reform and Europe.

A senior official promised that the campaigners would not force themselves on people who did not want to know them. It would be an "effective but unobtrusive" campaign. However, helpers in such far-flung outposts of the party as the Alicante North and Alicante South branches, Benidorm, Ibiza and Majorca would be out in force.

John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, threatened yesterday to "expose, challenge and rebut" every lie uttered by every Tory politician. It was not, he said, descending into the gutter. "If someone comes up with a Tory lie, we have to answer them. We have to answer those arguments. But we do ask people to look beyond the gutter and then join us in the positive campaign."

The Tories suggested that Labour was in danger of turning off voters in a big way. A strategist said: "We think Labour will find this is the case with their Blackpool to Benidorm campaign. The prospect of John Prescott trawling the beaches selling the message of New Labour could be highly favourable to us over the summer."

Charles Hendry, the party vice-chairman, said: "People go to Spain for sun, sea and Sangria, not Socialism."

Peter Mandelson, Labour's campaign chief, said that neither Mr Prescott nor activists would be "patrolling" the beaches. "But we do have members and supporters overseas, and they will be taking the Labour message to those who want to receive it: which is that when you hear the Tories pouring out this propaganda, people must realise that it is the same old Tories with the same old lies, and they must reject them."

From rails to riches, new millionaires await windfall

By Joanna Bale and Jonathan Prynn

Sandy Anderson, whose sell-off of Porterbrook is not the first company deal to make him rich

A DINGY two-storey office block in Derby now houses one of the richest collections of employees in Britain. Six directors of the rail-leasing company Porterbrook were yesterday eagerly anticipating their windfalls from its controversial £825 million sale to Stagecoach.

Some 50 secretaries, clerks and administrative staff who bought stakes when the compnay was sold to them by the Government seven months ago will get £500,000 each. Derby's estate agents and luxury car dealers said yesterday that they were bracing themselves for a rush of newly rich customers, but few employees were willing to admit to plans for wild spending sprees.

While Sandy Anderson, Porterbrook's managing director, is no stranger to such riches, five men with humdrum management jobs will become multimillionaires if the Office of Fair Trading approves the deal.

Carolyn Cork, the wife of a finance director who will receive about £18 million with his 3.88 per cent share of the company he joined two years ago, said he would continue to work. She lives with her 43-year-old husband, who earns about £80,000, in a rented house on a busy main road in Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

Mrs Cork, 43, said: "We don't know exactly how much we're going to get yet but I suppose it is a bit like winning the lottery. We're not going to go mad — I don't think it will change the way we live — but we haven't even been on holiday yet this year so that might change.

"We have a daughter at university and a son at boarding school, but we're not really well off. Ray's got enough money to retire on now but he's not going to give up work. I won't let him.

"This is just one of those things which comes along. Ray's done nothing wrong and he's always worked hard for what he's got."

Mr Cork's fellow multimillionaires include Tim Gilbert, 38, Porterbrook's engineering director, who will receive £11.78 million. He is a former British Rail engineer who has spent all his career in the rail industry on a modest salary.

Ian Cairns, 43, a commercial director, left the company last month after a disagreement with Mr Anderson but will retain his profits of several million pounds.

Peter Watson, 52, the chairman, has a 1 per cent stake valued at £4.75 million. Also due to receive several million is Geoffrey Arbuthnott, a director of Charterhouse Development Capital, the merchant bank that provided £60 million of financial backing for the management buy-out.

Mr Anderson, 41, who will net the lion's share — £34 million — said there would be "no Ferraris" and that he had no plans for a holiday. "I am proud of being a Scot and the money will probably go back to Scotland," he said.

Mr Anderson, who earns £157,000 a year, has a knack for making fortunes. Already a wealthy man when the Porterbrook deal was signed last month, he was rich enough to buy a 70-acre stud farm in Nottinghamshire in his late 30s after an earlier successful management buy-out of a truck hire firm.

Europe ready to scrap beef deal

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tions will be considered by the EU Standing Veterinary Committee around the start of September, when new demands will be drawn up.

Britain was due to begin implementing the selective slaughter programme on August 1, so that all animals which had developed BSE could be traced to their farm of origin, enabling the entire cohort to be identified and destroyed.

That programme has now been put on hold until veterinary experts in London and Brussels decide whether it will now be necessary to slaughter all of the offspring of infected cows as well, and for the eventual vote in the Commons. Veterinary experts are expected to concentrate their attention on how the disease is transmitted from mother to calf.

Herr Fischler said that while he understood the Government's reasons for postponing the selective cull, the decision would "have the effect of postponing further the reduction in the incidents of BSE which is a cornerstone in our policies." He added: "In any case, it will be necessary to consider the need for expanding the selective slaughter programme." Moreover, "we will need to consider what other implications this information may have from the step by step approach (for lifting the ban) which was approved in Florence."

Sterling fell yesterday because of the developments. Concern among foreign exchange dealers that the ban on British beef may be prolonged sent the pound's trade-weighted index down 0.6 to close at 84.1, with falls against the US dollar and German mark.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Conservative hopefuls show sceptic bias

The Government's compromise on the single currency is *under threat from new* Conservative candidates standing at the general election, a survey for BBC2's *Newsnight* programme revealed last night. Two thirds said they could declare their opposition to a single currency in their election address. This contradicts the manifesto, which is expected to say that the Government is leaving its options open.

The BBC's political research unit interviewed 60 of the 79 *new candidates standing in seats where there is a sitting* Conservative MP. John Major and Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, favour a compromise under which the Government would not rule out membership of a single currency, but would promise a referendum in the event of a decision by the Cabinet to go in.

Drug smugglers jailed

Four men who smuggled heroin worth millions of pounds from Turkey were jailed yesterday. The three Turkish Kurds and a Czech coach driver were caught by Customs officers with 198½ kg of the drug. At Southwark Crown Court, the senior figure, Muslim Simsek, was jailed for 30 years, Huseyin Kaynak for 24 years, and Tomas Noz, the coach driver, 26 years. They all denied the charges. Ali Aksu was jailed for 20 years after pleading guilty.

Record number in jail

The prison population in England and Wales rose to a record 56,238 this week. Richard Tilt, the Director-General of the Prison Service, said yesterday that the service faced an increased number of offenders being sentenced to prison and the extra prisoners had been accommodated within existing jails without using police cells. The latest *figure is the first time that the prison population* has risen above 56,000. A year ago the total stood at 51,549.

Eton drug dealer jailed

An Old Etonian who admitted dealing in cannabis and amphetamine after being caught by pupils at the school, was sent to a young offenders' institution for six months by Reading Crown Court yesterday. Thomas Seidler, 19, was *caught by other schoolboys who gave chase after* he was spotted by a housemaster in the grounds of Eton College. At the time, Seidler was studying at Warwick University where further quantities of the drugs were found.

Irish airports get £120m

The Irish Government will invest £120 million in Dublin and Shannon airports to cater for a big growth in travellers. The Transport Minister said yesterday that most of the money would be spent expanding Dublin airport, which recorded a million passengers for the first time in a single month in July. Over the next five years, the size of Dublin airport will grow by 60 per cent and a new *passenger handling pier is to be built.*

Sex change for priest

A monk has left his order so that he can change sex. Although "laicised" by the Pope, the former Dominican remains technically a priest. This has led to speculation that Sally, as he is now known, may be the first woman priest in the English Catholic Church. A spokesman said that under church and secular law the priest remained the sex he was at birth. The one other Catholic priest known to have had a sex change was in Italy.

Oasis album sells 3m

Oasis celebrated breaking the three million sales barrier with their current album just in time for the first of their sell-out summer concerts in Loch Lomond tonight. Singer Liam Gallagher, newly engaged to actress girlfriend Patsy Kensit, now has three reasons to celebrate. *(What's The Story) Morning Glory?* has sold three million copies in Britain, making it ten times platinum and one of Britain's top selling albums ever.

£6,500 for losing smile

A five-year-old girl who was "deprived of her smile" after a dentist failed to diagnose a tooth disease, was awarded £6,500 yesterday. Amy Taylor had suffered years of distress, Manchester County Court was told. The disease developed unchecked, rotting her baby teeth to blackened stumps, damaging them so badly that cosmetic surgery was impossible. Her mother, Marie Gerrard, agreed the "without prejudice" settlement with dentist Andrew Holland.

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'She is in a lot of pain and very upset, but she's a born fighter and we're proud of her'

Gladiators contestant paralysed in 20ft fall

By Adrian Lee

A WOMAN was lying paralysed in hospital last night after a terrifying fall during rehearsals for the television series *Gladiators*. The contestant suffered serious spinal injuries while rehearsing for the combat game.

Nicki Claxton, 22, a university student, fell 20ft from climbing apparatus. She was one of eight female hopefuls selected from 22,000 applicants for the contest, broadcast by London Weekend Television.

Miss Claxton was flown to the spinal injuries unit at Sheffield Northern General Hospital after the accident at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham. Last night she was said to be suffering from partial paralysis, but doctors said there appeared to be no damage to the spinal cord and hoped she would recover.

A spokeswoman for LWT said: "Nicki was not competing against a Gladiator but was going through the motions on the Poleaxe apparatus, followed by a camera. She was dismounting and fell in an awkward way. Although she fell on to an air cushion, it was instantly realised she had hurt her back."

Miss Claxton, from Sheffield, has just completed the third year of a four-year business studies course at the city's Hallam University. Speaking from her hospital bed Miss Claxton, who has been visited by her mother, father and boyfriend, paid tribute to St John Ambulance volunteers and TV crew members. She said: "I'm very grateful for the support and help they gave me. I really appreciate what they did."

Nikki Diamond, left, alias Scorpio, and Sharron Davies, who was dubbed Amazon, quit the show

Her mother, Patricia, said: "She is in a lot of pain and very upset. She has partial paralysis, but we are hoping she will be all right. Nicki had been looking forward so much to taking part in the programme and she is bitterly disappointed, but we are all proud of her. She is a born fighter and will be determined to get back to peak fitness." Miss Claxton lifts weights with her boyfriend Phil Burditt, 24, a business studies student, and she cycles and runs each day. She had stepped up her training and passed stringent auditions before the three weeks of rehearsals and filming.

A spokesman at the hospital said that she would spend several weeks there. Doctors will carry out a scan when swelling subsides to determine whether surgery is needed on two crushed vertebrae.

The show has taken its toll on many of the Gladiators themselves. Jet, a former Olympic gymnast, was take to hospital earlier this year after plunging 30ft during the pyramid game and injuring her neck.

The 26-year-old, real name Diana Youdale, was forced to pull out of the new series last month, unable to compete in the gruelling training plan because of her injuries. She once dislocated the cartilage in her nose when her knee bounced up and hit her in the face after falling from the Poleaxe, the same stunt as Miss Claxton's accident.

Amazon, the former Olympic swimmer Sharron Davies, tore a knee ligament after a contestant landed awkwardly on her leg after they fell down the Pyramid. Helen Madderson, a former Miss Universe better known as Panther, suffered a bruised head and spine after being knocked 14ft off a moving platform by a contestant and landing flat on her face two years ago.

Ex-Gladiator Scorpio, real name Nikki Diamond, said after quitting last year: "We're all carrying injuries that we'll have for the rest of our lives."

Contestants have also suffered broken thumbs, bruised elbows and pulled muscles. A spokesman for LWT said: "We are fully aware of the dangers involved in this show and that's why we have a full medical team standing by. This is certainly the most serious accident on the show has had in its five years."

ROSS PARRY

Nicki Claxton worked out every day to achieve her *Gladiators* ambition

Remand for Kray in drugs case

By Stewart Tendler

CHARLES KRAY, elder brother of the twins Reggie and Ronnie, was remanded in custody yesterday accused of taking part in an alleged £78 million cocaine trafficking ring.

Mr Kray, 70, is accused of conspiracy to supply two kilos of cocaine worth £62,000, conspiracy to supply 520 kilos of the drug and conspiracy to supply a thousand Ecstasy tablets worth £20,000.

Two other men also appeared with Mr Kray yesterday at Redbridge Magistrates' Court, east London. Ronald Field, 49, a builder from Raynes Park, southwest London, also faces three similar charges. Robert Gold, 38, a builder from Wimbledon, faces two charges involving the cocaine. No application for bail was made and the three were remanded in custody until August 8.

The men were originally remanded for a month, but court officials had to stage a second brief hearing after they decided that the magistrates had power to remand defendants for only eight days on a first appearance.

The court was packed for the appearance of Mr Kray and the other defendants. Mr Kray was dressed in a charcoal-grey double-breasted suit, white shirt and a gleaming handkerchief in his breast pocket. As he stood in the dock he blew kisses to his girlfriend Judie Stirling, 45, in the public gallery.

Schoolboy arrested for theft in Singapore

By A Staff Reporter

A PUBLIC schoolboy is facing a possible jail sentence in Singapore after "high jinks" on a school rugby trip.

David Raven, 18, was arrested after being accused of stealing a handbag following "a prank" at a nightclub where he was at a party with friends during the three-week Far East rugby tour. Police said he was charged on July 13 with stealing the handbag and released on £2,300 bail. He is due in court on September 11 and no plea was taken.

The teenager, bailed after two nights in a Singapore jail, was described as a model student by his headmaster at the £3,900-a-year Arnold School in Blackpool, Lancashire. Bill Gillen, who flew out to meet the rest of the 30-strong party on the Australian leg of their tour, said: "David is an exemplary pupil and we have every confidence that the matter will be cleared up."

Mr Gillen said that the youth, who is facing a maximum three years in jail, was with his father at a Singapore hotel but was not allowed to leave the country. John Raven, of St Annes, Blackpool, who flew out to offer support, said his son's arrest was a case of mistaken identity.

The Foreign Office said that the incident was a prank: "It appears to have been high jinks rather than a pre-meditated theft."

1920s memories put missing path back on the map

By Diana Thorp

A PENSIONER has won a 25-year battle for official recognition of a lost footpath after a saga involving a stream of letters, bulldozers and gamekeepers with guns.

Signposts were erected last week along the mile-long path on the edge of St Leonard's Forest, Sussex. Peggy Gledhill, 77, first walked the path in 1928. During holidays with relations in nearby Horsham, she would be taken by her uncle to see wild deer.

She and her husband moved to Horsham in 1947 and used the path until 1970, when bulldozers cleared part of the area and the path was deemed private property.

Mrs Gledhill then began the battle to have her childhood walk put on the map. In 1979 the campaign appeared have been defeated when gun-wielding gamekeepers forced her off the path and broke all the stiles along it.

The setback only made her more determined. "It is a wonderful area with a stream, masses of wildlife, rabbits, foxes and fish in a pond," she said.

Mrs Gledhill, now a widow, said the problem began in the 1970s when the land was bought by the water board and access to the pathway was denied. She was helped in her fight by knowledge that she gained while working as a cartographer for the Land Registry 50 years ago. "I knew that to confirm it was a footpath it had to be on the Definitive Map," she said. "I went to the library and to my horror I found it was not on the map. But if you can prove it has been walked on before and it is accepted by the public as a right of way then it can get put on the map.

"I really started to battle hard from 1989 onwards when I retired from the Red Cross and had a lot more time on my hands. If I think something is right I will fight to the death for it."

Mrs Gledhill sent many letters to the council asking them to recognise the path, including a letter signed by 18 people who said they had uninterrupted use of it as a public right of way for 28 years. She also arranged for a letter from a former landowner who had allowed the path to be used. But the council lost the letter 15 years ago.

The rediscovery of the lost letter proved crucial and last year the rights of way subcommittee of West Sussex County Council agreed that the footpath should be brought back.

Although a slight detour has been made, Mrs Gledhill finally walked the path again on Tuesday. "It was very emotional. I am delighted," she said. The path will be on the next Ordnance Survey map of the area.

Scorned mistress calls her former lover to ordure

By Adrian Lee

A SCORNED mistress took revenge on her former lover by filling his car with stinking horse manure as he went to part-exchange it for a new P-registered model. Jane Jay yesterday described it as the best £1 she had spent.

Charles Flatman, an antiques dealer who incurred Miss Jay's wrath when she saw him with another woman, made the discovery shortly before he was due to trade-in his M-registration Ford Mondeo for a new one. The garage deducted £150 from the value of the second-hand car.

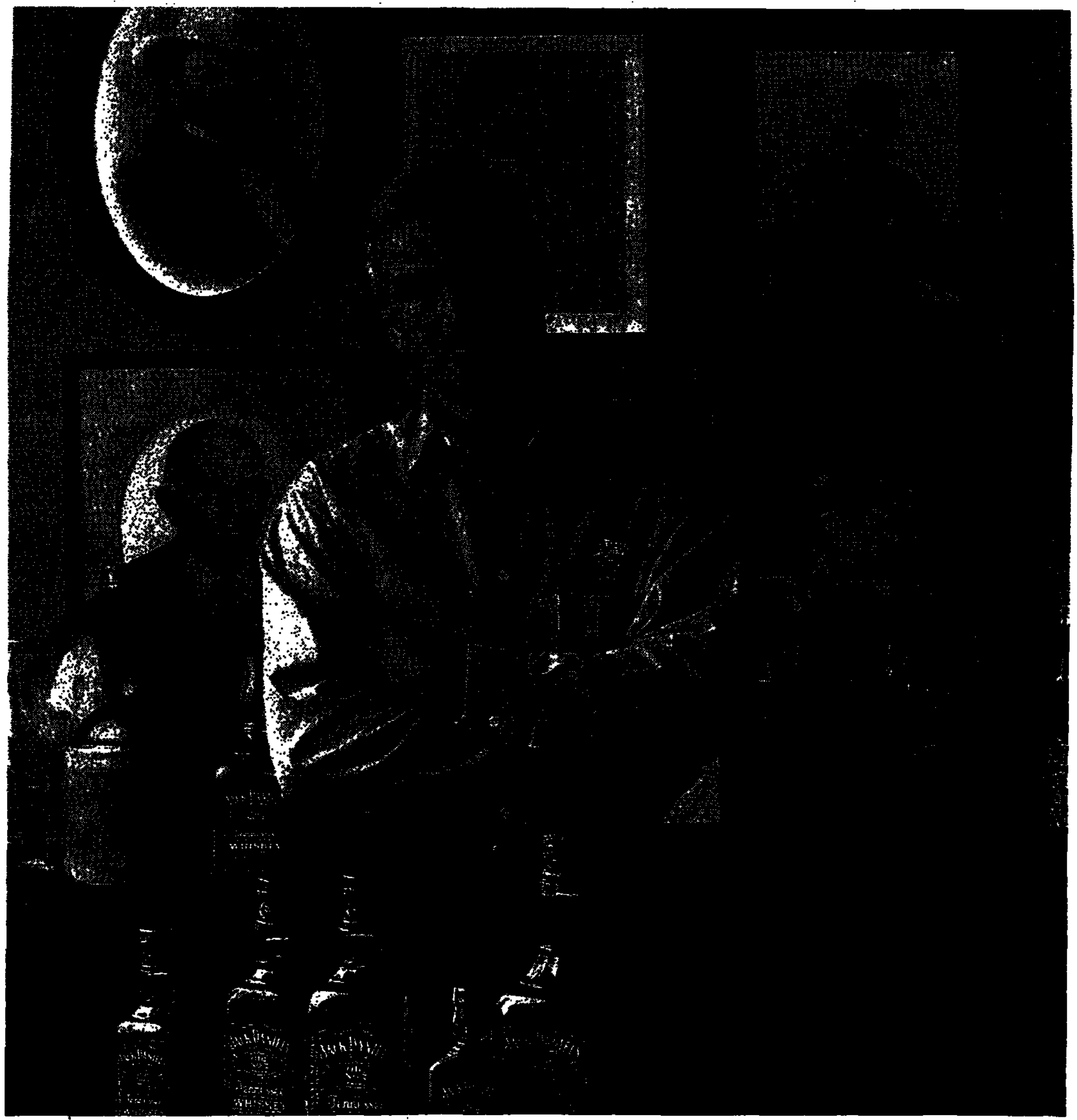
Miss Jay, 52, left the Victorian cottage home they had once shared in Stowupland, Suffolk, at dead of night. Carrying the two bags and their vile-smelling contents, bought from a roadside stall, she drove the ten miles to Mr Flatman's flat, in Eye. Using the spare set of keys to his car she quietly unlocked it.

"Then I just scattered ths stuff inside. The car was very clean — he had obviously had it washed ready to trade in. Afterwards I locked it up and drove home. I felt great." She received a call from police next morning but Mr Flatman, a former mayor of Mid Suffolk District Council, decided not to press charges. He said yesterday: "You have to have a sense of humour about these things" as he pointed at straw still left on the road.

Jane Jay, who filled Charles Flatman's car with horse manure as he traded it in for a new model

Miss Jay said she had pondered her best course of action for days. "He said I was not as much fun as the other woman so I decided to show him that I can enjoy a good joke." She and Mr Flatman, 65, who specialises in antique porcelain, met nine years ago when both were district councillors and he was mayor.

"We became lovers and for eight wonderful years Charlie lived with me," said Miss Jay. But the relationship crumbled last year and she began plotting after she saw him with another woman.



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As farm prices fall, industry fears it will struggle to find calves born to infected cows

Electronic tagging planned in effort to trace BSE cattle

By Michael Horsnell

COMPUTER DATABASE

A NATIONAL computer database of Britain's 11 million cattle is expected to be opened within three months by the livestock industry as part of the attempt to eradicate "mad cow" disease. Details will be disclosed to the Ministry of *Agriculture in a working* group's report next week.

The government-funded scheme, costing £5 million, will begin with the electronic tagging of all new-born calves. Farmers will be compelled to register all animals with details of their date and place of birth, sex, breed, dam, health record, and movements, making them traceable at the press of a button.

But it is understood that the huge registration operation, in which cattle will have a com*puter chip inserted in each* ear, will not be finished until the end of next year.

There are fears that it will be difficult to trace the more than 20,000 extra cattle that might now be slaughtered — born to dams that contracted BSE within six months of giving birth. After the disclosure of evidence that cows can infect their progeny, two European Union scientific committees are examining the evidence of maternal infection. They are expected to recommend the increase in the planned slaughter of 147,000 cattle from previously infected herds.

Without a database to find *the 20,000 calves, the oldest of* which was born in 1986, the Agriculture Ministry will have to rely on their own records of BSE-infected cows and return to the farms where the last-born were raised.

Although farmers tag their animals and keep their own records — many on computer — the reliability varies. Difficulties in tracing last-born will be compounded by their lifetime movements, and the records of auctioneers will have to be used.

An industry source admitted: "Some farmers are rather better at keeping records than others. It will be a challenge but not an impossible one."

The database working group, including representatives of the cattle industry, trading standards, retailers and consumers, began considering an electronic tracing system before the European summit in Florence six weeks ago. One of the preconditions agreed for the lifting of the export ban on beef was that Britain introduce an effective scheme to identify animals and record their movements on an official register.

Angela Browning, the junior agriculture minister, announced yesterday that the working party's report would be studied by a team of consultants who would complete their work by the middle of next month.

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'No need to change rules on calf-meat

LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

THE Meat and Livestock Commission attempted to reassure consumers yesterday after the disclosure by government scientists that cows can pass BSE to their calves (Nigel Hawkes writes).

Colin Maclean, chairman of the commission, said no change to the regulations on calf-meat consumption was necessary: all but the thymus and intestines of calves up to six months old can be eaten.

Dr Helen Grant, a neuropathologist, argues that if calves have been infected with BSE in the womb, during birth, or immediately after it, they should be subject to the same regulations as other beef products, with brain and spinal column also excluded from the food chain.

This was recommended by a select committee of the House of Commons in 1990, but has never been acted on, she says. The Government's Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (SEAC) this week said that no changes were necessary.

Mr Maclean says that he doesn't see any problem. The regulations are designed to exclude from consumption the parts of the animal likely to have the highest concentration of the infective agent. Experiments have shown that for the first 18 months after infection, the agent is present only in the intestine.

Experiments by ministry scientists have failed to show any infectivity in cow placenta. Nor has the infective agent has been found in milk or blood. "We agree that there's no need for amendments," Mr Maclean said.

Brothers Edward, right, and Thomas Bickerton: worried dairy farmers

Farmers complain of worst days since the Depression

By Kate Alderson

MARKETS

THE value of dairy and beef calves plummeted at Beeston market in Cheshire yesterday. The strain of the latest "mad-cow" setback was evident on farmers' faces.

Last year, the auctioneers Wright-Manley recorded an average sale price for calves of £133. Yesterday it was down to £86.50. Only 450 were sold, compared with 577 on the same day last year.

Susan Lunt, a dairy farmer on the Cheshire-North Wales border, was relieved to have sold a calf for £178 when last year it would have gone for £300.

Edward Bickerton, an elderly dairy farmer from Cheshire, said he had never known such a bad time since the depression of the 1930s. "Business is terrible. Farmers just can't go on any more. We're all so worried about the future."

David Tomlinson, a calf rearer, bought between 20 and 30 calves for almost half the price he would have paid last year. "Every livestock farmer is losing at the moment. I'm confident things will get better, but in the short term it's very, very depressing. Just when we were getting back on our feet, we were delivered another blow."

Other farmers were less philosophical: angry and frustrated by the shrinking of the export market and the uncertainty over whether their businesses would recover. Brian Colectough, from Holywell, North Wales, said: "I'm going to lose about £150 on each cow I sell, and as far as I'm concerned they should shoot the scientists, not cull the calves, because no one seems to know what's going on." He said it was a wonder farmers weren't hanging themselves. "People are losing money hand over fist and they don't know where to turn."

At the other side of the auction site a huge newly built cull market hall stood empty. John Broomhall, a partner in Wright-Manley, said wistfully: "We used to be *the biggest cull market in the* UK, dealing in about 600 cows a week. We're down to a couple of hundred."

Union flag burnt by protesting Germans

REACTION

From Michael Kallenbach in Bonn

THOUSANDS of angry German farmers, who took to the streets to protest at the European Union's handling of the BSE crisis, yesterday burnt the Union Jack as they shouted "England out of the EU!"

The flag burning took place in Husum, near the Danish border, when the protesters, part of a group of farmers in Schleswig-Holstein and Bavaria, joined forces to support the continuing ban on British beef and other related products. But they criticised Brus*sels for mishandling the crisis.*

The continuation of the German ban was recently approved by the Bundesrat, the Upper House. Jochen Borchert, the Agriculture Minister, moved yesterday to assure consumers that Germany remained entirely free of BSE.

The demonstration in Husum coincided with a high-level delegation from the agricultural departments in Bonn and Kiel who hoped to appease the farmers. But the farmers kept them hostage by surrounding their buses for more than an hour.

The president of the Bavarian Farmers Association, Gerd Sonnleitner, told 2,000 farmers in Nürnberg that for years Brussels had "covered up and lied" about the BSE crisis. The price of milk has been reduced in Germany and farmers were suffering from "a catastrophic drop in the price of beef" which had cost them billions of marks.

In Bavaria, three out of every four farmers have been *affected by the BSE crisis.* Herr Borchert has asked German health experts to meet Horst Seehofer, the Health Minister, on Monday to discuss the latest developments.

The *Südkurier* newspaper said in an editorial yesterday *that the British politicians* needed to learn a lesson and change their attitude. "The problem of the BSE crisis will not resolve itself merely by stopping to give cattle certain foods," said the paper.

☐ The French Government *yesterday sought to reassure* consumers that no additional health precautions were required, as farmers held further demonstrations. The Agriculture Ministry said that its policy of slaughtering entire herds when a single cow is *infected with BSE was enough* to prevent the disease spreading through the generations.

France-Soir described the finding as "extremely worrying"while

Pea soup attempts to rival Sunday joint

MEAT SUBSTITUTES

A BRITISH company is hoping to turn super-thickened *pea soup into an alternative to* beef (Robin Young writes).

Lucas Ingredients, a subsidiary of the food group Dalgety, has developed a product called Arrum, combining pea protein, precipitated from a slurry of peas, with wheat gluten. When they are mixed and extruded through a heated tube containing two rotating screws, the gluten binds with the pea protein to form fibres with a passable resemblance to the texture of meat. The texture can be altered by *varying the screw structure* and changing other conditions within the tube.

The flight from meat has increased the British market for vegetarian foods by 83 per cent in the past five years to £388 million. Lucas hopes that *products made with Arrum* will compete successfully with Zeneca's Quorn mycoprotein, derived from mini-fungi, and with products based on soya and gluten.

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Workers were aged from 12 to 85

Farm raid reveals labour force of illegal immigrants

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

IT WAS to be the perfect summer job for Siwarn Kaur, crouched on a crate in a damp shed cutting and wrapping spring onions for market. The 65-year-old widow had already filled one box — 80 bunches for which she would receive £3 — when the sound of a helicopter heralded the end of her working day and the start of Operation Vesuvius.

The raid on Summer Farm, by officers from West Mercia Police and officials from the Immigration Service and the Benefits Agency, was the culmination of months of undercover work across the Midlands in which officers watched every move of an Asian "gangmaster" supplying labour to farms run by Simms and Wood Ltd.

At the same time as police raided the farm at Wyre Piddle, Hereford and Worcester, colleagues went to the home of Karnal Singh Samra, the alleged gangmaster, and seized a quantity of papers.

Police and the immigration officials were surprised at the number of casual workers involved in the packing operation. More than 100 Asian men and women were either in sheds or sitting outdoors, trimming, wrapping and packing. Thirty-one were arrested on suspicion of being illegal immigrants or working in breach of entry conditions, while more than 60 others were questioned about alleged benefit fraud.

Among those questioned was Manjit Singh, a priest at a Sikh temple in West Bromwich who had taken along his 13-year-old son as a casual worker. The youngest person questioned was 12 and the oldest 85.

Mrs Kaur said: "I was picked up at 5am this morning outside the temple. I get paid £3 for packing a box and take home about £10 a day." Asked if she found the work hard, she replied: "Work like this does not bother me. We are from farming people in India and are used to squatting in the fields."

Most of those detained were disarmingly honest about being in Britain illegally. One elderly man admitted that he came for a funeral seven years ago and had "forgotten to go home"; another that he had come on holiday and stayed.

Immigration officials also confirmed the going rate for smuggling individuals from the subcontinent to Britain: £6,000. For £3,000, immigration racketeers will give them three attempts to cross the Channel from Europe.

Uddam Singh, 64, from Bedworth in the West Midlands, confessed immediately that he had arrived in Britain four months ago after being brought from India hidden in the back of a container lorry. He had borrowed money from relatives to pay the £6,000 fee. "I was one of many. We were dropped in Birmingham and my family picked me up."

The authorities concede privately that many people in rural England suspect that some of the casual labourers are illegal immigrants or involved in benefits fraud. Under existing legislation, little can be done. However next year, with the implementation of the Asylum and Immigration Act, the authorities will be able to prosecute anyone who knowingly employs an illegal immigrant.

ADRIAN SHERRATT

The Bolero strawberry grows until October but has the flavour of June berries

Gene research bears fruit in a big way

By Robin Young

BRITISH horticulturists can already provide strawberries the size of apples and redcurrants with bunches of fruit up to 8in long.

Their next big successes will include strawberries that fruit in the open until October, apples that will keep six or seven weeks longer and the world's first virtually thornless gooseberry to produce fruits of acceptable size. The shape of things to come in the fruit industry was unveiled in London yesterday at a conference boasting the work of Horticulture Research International (HRI).

"We can now produce strawberries up to 65mm in diameter, weighing about 3oz," David Simpson, head of HRI's strawberry breeding programme, said. "That has been done by conventional breeding. With genetic modification it is possible that we will be producing berries so big you need a car to carry them home."

HRI's hopes in the strawberry fields are pinned on a variety called Bolero which fruits from July until October, yet has the quality found in berries borne in June. Some 20,000 plants are being grown in trials this year and there should be one million plants available to growers this winter for the variety's first commercial crop. Dr Simpson said that Bolero would have a big impact on imports of late-season strawberries.

HRI also introduced the super-sized redcurrant, a variety called Redpoll. A third development on which British hopes ride is a purple dessert gooseberry called Pax, whose principal virtue is that its bushes are almost spineless.

Professor David James, head of HRI's fruit biotechnology group, said his scientists had managed to create canteloupe melons and tomatoes which could be stored seven weeks longer by deactivating the gene producing ethylene, which speeds ripening. "Now we are hoping to transform the Queen Cox apple genetically." The reseach is being funded by the Ministry of Agriculture, which hopes the results will help the £40 million market for Cox apples fend off the growing threat from imported apples.

However, Professor Chris Payne, chief executive, said that all HRI's innovative research would be at risk unless there was a commitment to long-term funding. HRI has announced 57 redundancies from its 680 staff in the past two weeks because of government funding cuts, and is at present the subject of a government review.

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Farmers protest at release of sea eagles

By Shirley English

Sea eagle: ten set free

A FRESH batch of rare white-tailed sea eagles is being released into the wild in Scotland in the next few days despite growing anger among farmers who claim the birds are killing livestock.

Ten chicks brought over from Norway are being set free at a secret location in the west Highlands. Four fledglings were released yesterday and the remaining six will be freed next week.

The move is part of an international conservation project started 20 years ago to re-establish them in Scotland. The birds disappeared from Scotland early this century after being shot as pests.

But farmers in the Inner Hebrides claim that the birds have killed large numbers of lambs in the past three years and say that the conservation agencies are not taking their concerns seriously. Bert Leitch, the area president of the National Farmers Union, has threatened to shoot the predators if he catches them killing livestock.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and Scottish Natural Heritage claim that efforts have been made to compensate farmers and divert the sea eagles with carrion. David Minns, of the RSPB in Edinburgh, said: "If any birds were shot it would be very sad. It would take us back to the 19th century and Victorian attitudes about the preservation of game and livestock."

A killing of the bird, which is rarer than the golden eagle and has an 8ft wingspan, could lead to a £5,000 fine.

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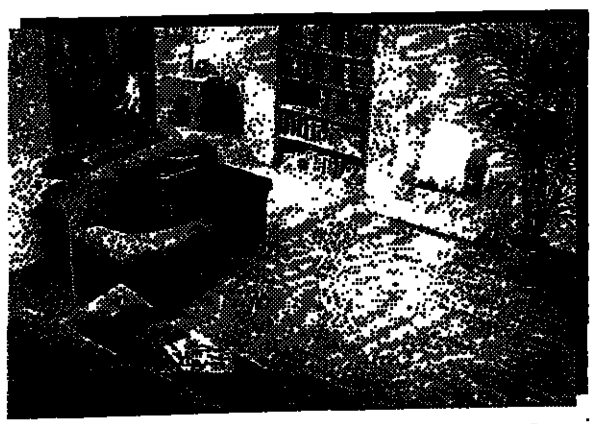

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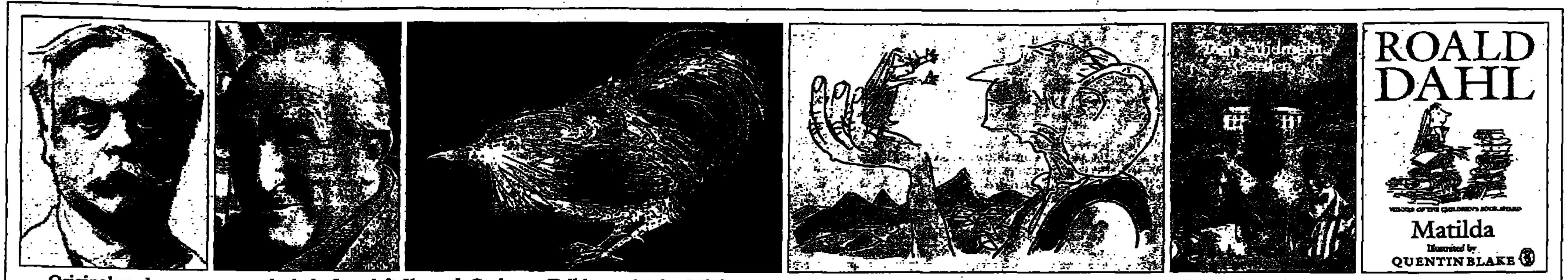

Original works now overseas include, from left; Kenneth Grahame, Tolkien and Brian Wildsmith. The museum hopes to have Quentin Blake's art, first and third from right, and *Tom's Midnight Garden*

Museum offers happy ending for children's books

Manuscripts and art from contemporary classics to be saved for nation

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

A MUSEUM devoted to children's literature is being planned to stop manuscripts and illustrations being taken overseas and to provide a showcase for the best of British books.

The Centre for the Children's Book would provide an archive and *exhibition centre. It would* also have a café serving Winnie-the-Pooh's Cottleston Pie and other dishes featured in the pages of children's books.

The initiative is long overdue, according to publishers and authors: *while Britain has produced much of the greatest children's* literature, it does not have an institution working to conserve contemporary *manuscripts* or artwork. Manuscripts of Kenneth Grahame and illustrations by E.H. Shepard have gone overseas. *Most of those created by* Tolkien and C.S. Lewis are in Illinois. The Victoria and Albert Museum, however, acquired a Beatrix Potter collection. Canada, Australia and Japan have superlative centres for children's books.

The idea for a British centre came from Elizabeth Hammill, head of the children's department at Waterstone's book shop in Newcastle upon Tyne, who has judged many awards. She was saddened that other nations were "collecting the riches of our liter*ary heritage which we appear not* to value enough ourselves to preserve". Her colleague, Kimberley Reynolds, said that some publishers had shredded material because they had not appreciated its historical value.

Newcastle *is being considered as a site for the museum, and Ms* Hammill has secured support from Northern Arts, the regional arts board, Newcastle City Council and Walker Books. On Monday, the Arts Council is to award a £27,000 National Lottery grant for *a feasibility study.*

The museum, which could cost up to £10 million, will focus on postwar writers and artists and exhibits will include preliminary sketches, letters and foreign-language editions. Philip Pullman, winner of this year's Carne*gie Medal for children's literature,* is among writers who will donate manuscripts to the museum.

Mary Tapissier, managing director of Hodder children's books, said: "Britain has some of the best children's authors and artists in *the world and that has been the* position for a very long time. There is no one place where their work can be gathered for reference or to be admired. Macmillans donated *Alice in Wonderland* original blocks, from which the illustrations were taken, to the *British Museum: people get a* thrill from looking at them. There is so much more wonderful visual material that could be gathered in one place."

She hoped to be able to donate some of Hodder's archives to the *museum. "I would rather it was* available for public view than sitting in archives. There are some very special things gathering dust."

Among manuscripts and illustrations the centre hopes to acquire are *Tom's Midnight Garden,* Philippa Pearce's novel from 1958 with drawings by Susan Eynsek; *A Necklace of Raindrops,* fairy tales by Joan *Aiken and Jan Pienkowski; and* Quentin Blake's watercolours for Roald Dahl's *The BFG.* Dr Reynolds said that *BFG* "did not sell well until it was illustrated by Blake. It shows how pictures tell the story as powerfully as words."

Brian Wildsmith's innovative illustrations for his *ABC,* which the museum organisers would have liked, have been bought by the Japanese.

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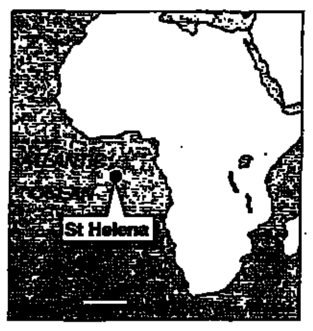
St Helena study shows benefits of television

By Adrian Lee



A STUDY of how the recent arrival of television has affected children on one of the world's most remote islands has suggested that it is doing more good than harm.

Until early last year the 5,644 inhabitants of St Helena, in the South Atlantic, lived without the small screen. Early findings by researchers *from the Cheltenham and* Gloucester College of Higher Education have confounded those who claim that exposure to violence, sex and 'bad language on television corrupts children. Evidence of "pro-social" behaviour, defined as helping others and playing amicably, has increased.

Dr Tony Charlton, the study leader, said: "Before television arrived on the island, our research found that the children of St Helena were among the best behaved and least disturbed in the world. Fifteen months after television arrived those high rates of pro-social behaviour have not only been maintained but there are tentative indications that they have improved slightly. We blame television for a lot in this country, but perhaps we should be looking more closely at the role of the family."

Islanders can now receive the American satellite channel CNN and the South African service M-net, which includes soaps and films. There is one soap for children, but no comedy programmes. The BBC's World Service Television is due to arrive shortly.

The study involves 59 pre-school children who will be monitored until they are 13, and all 800 children of first and middle school age.

St Helena, a British Crown colony, is the last English-speaking society to get television. Significantly, the researchers believe, most homes have only one set so parents can better control what their children watch.

Dr Charlton said: "Television gives children another reason to link up with their peers — they come to school and talk about what they have seen the night before. I think that can be the only explanation for the improvement."

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Invaders who left a cultural revolution in their wake

The first of a series that re-examines the course of the Roman occupation of Britain

By Alan Hamilton

TODAY *The Times* begins a series to encourage readers towards the rediscovery of one of the most compelling and mysterious chapters of British history. We all think we know a little of the four *centuries of Roman occupation*, but in truth the sum total of our knowledge is frustratingly slender.

Why such a series now? There is no conveniently rounded anniversary to mark, nor has there been a startling archaeological discovery to stand our previously held perception on its head. But there are subtler shifts at work. We always see history from the perspective of the present, and in this much-changed world the view of Roman Britain is altering.

When Britain ran an *empire* we could easily, if not always accurately, grasp how other empires were run. Today, in this post-imperial age, the emphasis of scholarly interest has moved from where the legions marched and built their forts towards settlement and the assimilation of the native British into Roman ways. Aerial photography, and much digging, has shown Roman Britain to have been much more widely peopled than previously thought, and the *population estimate has been revised* from two million to nearer four million.

We are also diluting the whole notion of conquest. There is a growing view that much of Britain welcomed the invader. Tribal chiefs saw advantage in parleying with Rome, and the moderately well-off Briton was not averse to a bit of central heating and decent plumbing. By the 2nd century AD, the British as a whole were probably more enthusiastic mem*bers of the first European Union* than they are of the present one.

A high degree of sophistication and order came early to Roman Britain. It is true that Iron Age Britain at the time of Christ was a place of some civilisation which knew intensive agriculture, money and brisk trade with the Continent. But the Romans brought with them wisdom and expertise, particularly in architecture, engineering, military organisation and cuisine, that was not matched again until *the modern age*.

Professor Peter Salway, author of *The Oxford Illustrated History of Roman Britain*, believes that ancient Rome has lessons for modern Brussels. "In the early days of the empire and of Roman Britain, there was no bureaucracy and they well understood the principle of subsidiarity, with administration and tax collection decentralised. In the later empire, a huge civilian bureaucracy grew up which possibly contributed to *its collapse*: too much burden on the taxpayer, too much tax evasion, too many people beginning to wonder, 'Is it all worth it?' "

Fourth-century Roman Britain was peaceful and prosperous. By the early 5th century it was descending to the condition of Yugoslavia, a simmering pan of little kingdoms at each other's throats.

We hope to show in the coming days, as we explore the wealth of Romano-British remains and the many increasingly excellent museum displays, that this is a period of our history that can still intrigue and surprise, and will continue to do so as we unravel its mysteries.

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On Monday: Hadrian's Wall and Chichester

ANTONINE WALL

Rome's brief forward frontier, a 36-mile turf defence built between the Forth and the Clyde, completed in AD 142, and still visible as a line of mounds and ditches across central Scotland.

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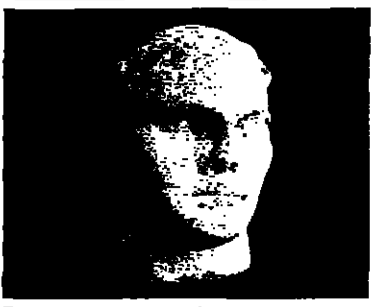
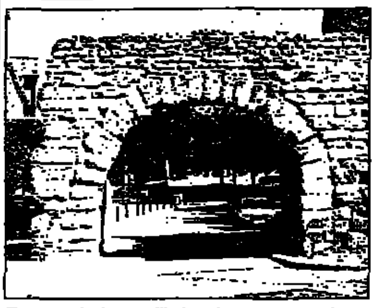


Roman Eboracum, chief city of northern Britain, *legionary fort and* bustling, cosmopolitan, affluent centre of trade. Emperor Severus died here and another, Constantine, was proclaimed here.

LINCOLN



Roman Lindum, still showing substantial sections of its 1st century defences, including the only complete Roman arch still standing in Britain. A fort that quickly became a thriving civilian town.

COLCHESTER

One of Rome's first British conquests, Camulodunum was entered in triumph by the emperor Claudius accompanied by elephants. Razed to the ground by Queen Boudicca in AD 61.

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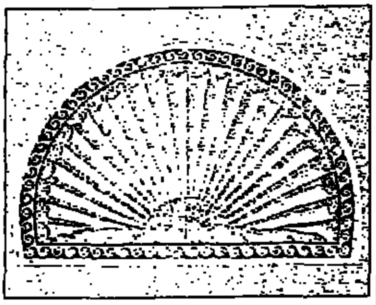


The Roman Verulamium, third largest city of Britannia, and still in an unusually good state of preservation, displaying the best amphitheatre in Britain despite attacks by Queen Boudicca of the Iceni.

CIRENCESTER

The Roman Corinium, capital of the Celtic tribe of the Dobunni, was briefly a garrison on the invader's western front which developed into a large civilian town with amphitheatre seating 8,000.

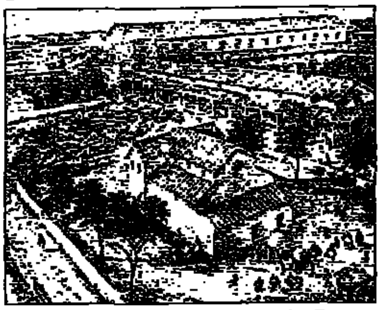
CHESTER

Deva was the largest Roman fort in Britain, headquarters for the conquest of North Wales and a major port on the Dee. Its *medieval walls and street pattern, largely* intact, mirror the original Roman layout. .

HADRIAN'S WALL

One of the outstanding Roman remains of Europe, designated a World Heritage site by UNESCO. Popularly supposed to have been built to keep out the barbarian Caledonians, but equally erected as a statement of imperial power and a lasting memorial to the emperor who commissioned it. Relatively useless as a defence, it was abandoned soon after it was built as Rome shifted its imperial frontier north to central Scotland. Subsequently reoccupied, abandoned and occupied again, it stood throughout the Roman period as a symbol of the empire's failure to conquer the entire British Isles. Still largely complete, although much of what stands today is 19th century reconstruction.

SILCHESTER



This walled settlement of Calleva the Roman gateway to the west of England, has an unusually well-preserved arena that was once *the scene of public executions and of* gladiatorial fights to the death.

WROXETER

Transformed on the orders of the visiting emperor Hadrian from a military fort into what became Viroconium,the 4th largest Romano-British town, with a bath-house as big as a Norman cathedral.

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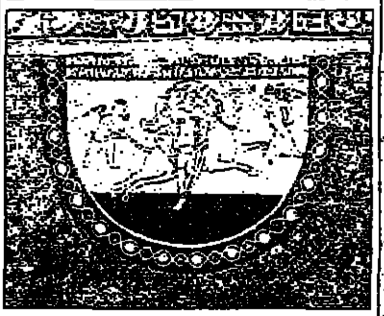

A window on the affluent life enjoyed by gentlemen farmers, originally Roman but increasingly native British: includes one of the earliest surviving Christian chapels in Europe.

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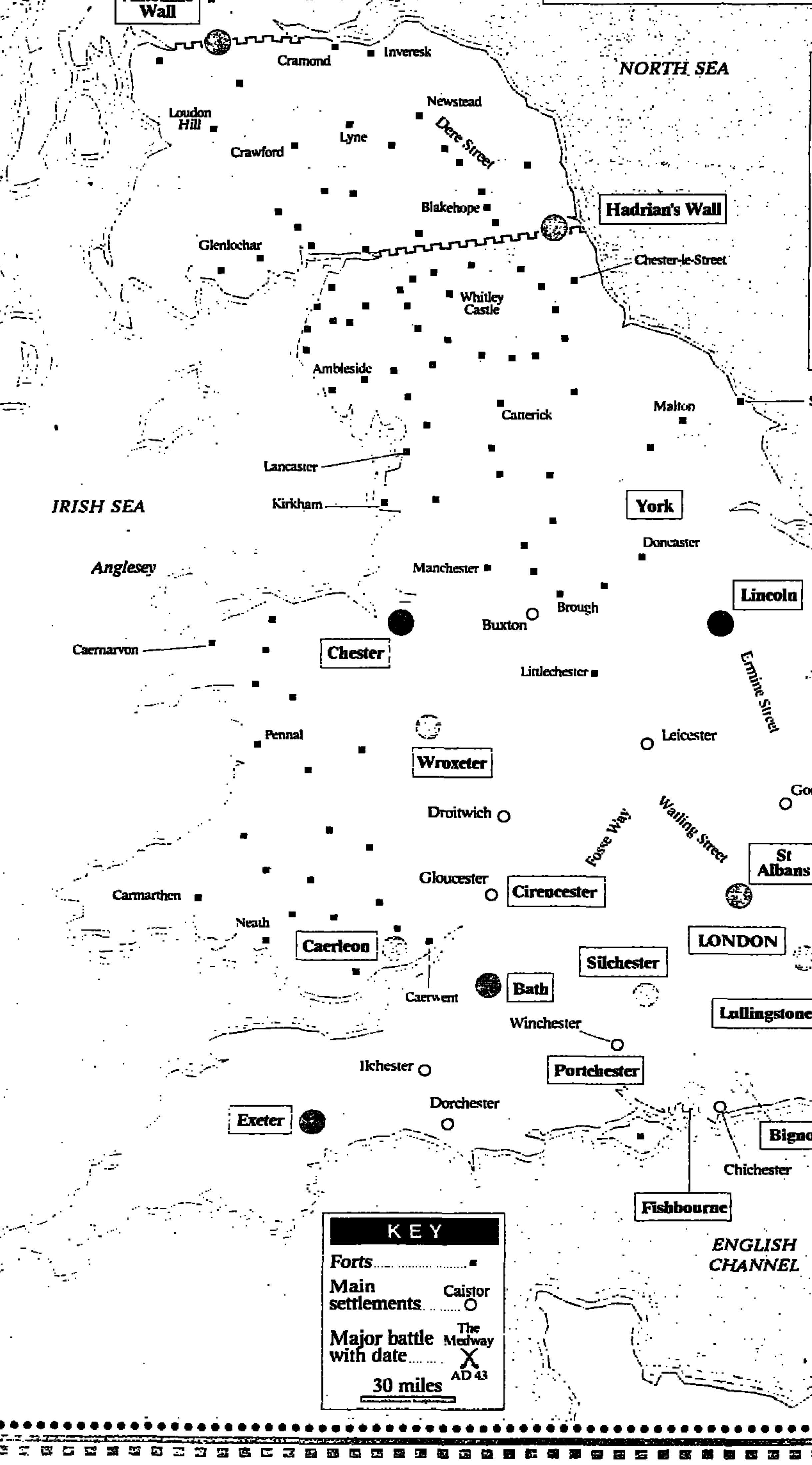
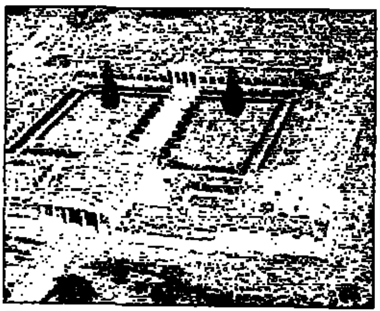


CAERLEON

One of the three great legionary strongholds in Britain, Caerleon was built to withstand attack by the marauding Welsh, and survived long after the Romans' departure as the principal port of south-east Wales.

FISHBOURNE



The presumed seat of client king Cogidubnus, Fishbourne was the most sumptuous 1st century Roman palace in Europe outside Italy, and there rivalled only by Nero's magnificent Golden Palace.

EXETER

Although much of historic Isca, the western limit of Roman occupation, was destroyed in wartime bombing raids, three-quarters of the great Roman walls have survived.

LONDON

Capital of the Roman province of Britannia, its wealth of remains is briefly uncovered and lost again each time a City block is redeveloped. Excellent new Roman galleries at the Museum of London fill in the gaps.

BATH

Although bathing is no longer allowed in the spectacular open-air pool at Aquae Sulis, it still provides an arresting centrepiece to the complex of Roman baths from which the modern city takes its name.

SAXON SHORE FORTS

Julius Caesar's exploratory raids in 55 and 54 BC landed near present-day Rye on the Sussex coast; the full-scale Claudian invasion of 43 AD led by Aulus Plautius arrived at Richborough in Kent. After nearly four centuries of Romanisation, as imperial occupation turned to decline and the barbarians began to threaten the frontiers of empire, that same shore had to be defended by a string of forts, from the Solent to the Wash, from Portchester to Burgh Castle against Britain's next invader, the Saxon. In 410 AD the legions left as they had arrived, from their original beachhead at Richborough on the Kent coast.

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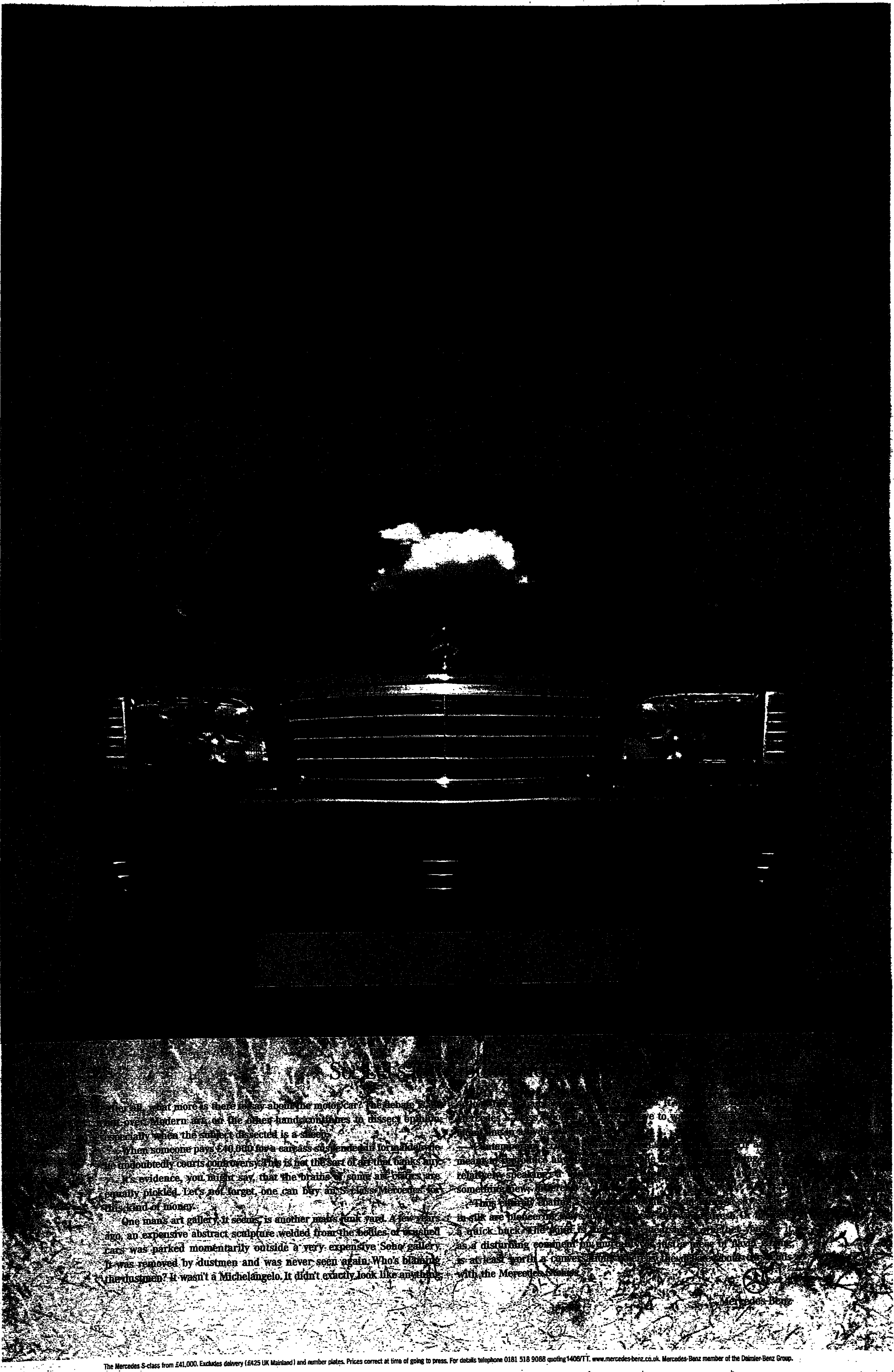

So. Let's [illegible]

After all, what more is there to say about the motor car? The debate is [illegible] over. Modern art, on the other hand, continues to dissect opinion, especially when the subject dissected is a sheep.

When someone pays £40,000 for a carcass suspended in formaldehyde he undoubtedly courts controversy. This is not the sort of art that banks buy.

It's evidence, you might say, that the brains of some art critics are equally pickled. Let's not forget, one can buy an S-class Mercedes for this kind of money.

One man's art gallery, it seems, is another man's junk yard. A few years ago, an expensive abstract sculpture welded from the bodies of crushed cars was parked momentarily outside a very expensive Soho gallery. It was removed by dustmen and was never seen again. Who's blaming the dustmen? It wasn't a Michelangelo. It didn't exactly look like anything.

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Pressure groups dismayed at Hume's public variance from Vatican line

Catholics divided as cardinal backs embryo disposal

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

IN A DEBATE that is creating divisions within the Roman Catholic Church in Britain, "pro-life" campaigners have criticised Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, for his comments that frozen embryos should be allowed to die.

Cardinal Hume said that it was not right either to store embryos as frozen or to get rid of them, but legally "you have to dispose of them".

Conservative Catholics said that the cardinal's comments, made this week on BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme, were a "negative input" to the debate and seemed at odds with the line taken by the Vatican. They gave warning of surprise and anger in parts of the Church and said that they would not let the matter rest.

Josephine Quintavelle, of Comment on Reproductive Ethics (Core) and a counsellor with the Life movement, said: "There is a colossal reaction against what the cardinal said. Catholics need to sort out their thinking very carefully and I would suggest they toe the line with Vatican thinking. We do not intend to let the matter lie.

"The message most Catholics looked to hear from the cardinal was that human life begins from conception and is sacred from that moment onwards, and that there should be no destruction of the embryos. The message from the Vatican is very clear. It is unequivocally that, once life has started, every effort should be made to help it to fulfil that destiny."

A five-cell embryo due to have been destroyed

However, she added: "At least Cardinal Hume said something, unlike so many other Christian leaders and organisations."

Professor Jack Scarisbrick, founder of the Life movement, which has received dozens of calls from couples who wanted to adopt the frozen embryos, said: "The principle that extraordinary means should not be used to keep life going is a sound principle. Whether it applies in this case is a matter of debate. I wish that the Cardinal had given his approval to what we have been offering, namely adoption of these stranded human beings."

A spokesman for the Catholic Church defended the cardinal, who he said was arguing that, if the embryos had to go, it was better that they should be allowed to die rather than actively destroyed.

The frozen embryos debate in Britain has created massive interest worlwide throughout the Catholic Church, which holds that life begins from the moment of conception and any attempt to prevent this artificially, such as through contraception, is a sin. One Catholic group, calling itself The Friends of the Child Jesus, is planning walks of "reparation and remembrance for the new holy innocent martyrs" from August 15-17.

According to the *Catholic Times*, the Pope is "deeply disturbed" by the destruction of the 3,000 frozen embryos and speculation is growing that a strongly critical, authoritative statement might be issued soon.

Cardinal Thomas Winning, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Glasgow, has led a call for an end to the mass production of frozen embryos. The Pope has also appealed for the production of human embryos to be halted because there is "no morally licit solution regarding the human destiny of the thousands and thousands of frozen embryos which are and remain the subject of essential rights and should therefore be protected by law as human persons."

A vial containing human embryos is taken from a freezer before their destruction

Cardinal Hume, asked what should happen to the embryos, said: "I believe that these frozen embryos are frozen human life and I believe that they should be disposed of — they should be allowed to die — but then, I think, disposed of in a dignified manner out of respect for the human life that they were."

Challenged that this view might surprise some people, the cardinal added: "I think it's one thing to actively kill somebody, it's another to let that person die. I mean, what else can you do with them? They are there, and you are not obliged, it seems to me, to take extraordinary means to keep them alive, and the natural thing for them would be to die." He said the situation represented "an appalling dilemma", but people must not be blind "to the fact that every day we are getting rid of human life through abortion".

Credo

Transfiguration shows how God changes our lives

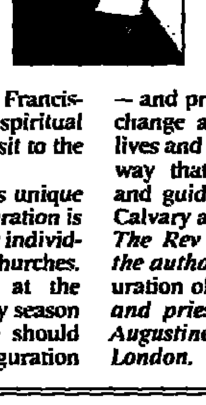
Rob Marshall

THE Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus is celebrated on Tuesday. The Eastern Orthodox Church, in which the feast dates back to the fourth century, has a much greater grasp than we in the West of the significance and meaning of the Transfiguration.

The episode is a mythical one and unlike anything else in the New Testament. It has an "other worldly" feel about it. The story is dramatic, fast-moving and dense with theological motifs. Jesus ascends a mountain with Peter, James and John. He is transfigured before them. His clothes and face glisten and become intensely white.

Then, in true Old Testament fashion, Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus and the voice of God speaks from a cloud: "*This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him.*"

Scholars are divided about the purpose of the Transfiguration in Jesus's life and in Christian theology. Some have interpreted it completely in the context of a fulfilment of Old Testament prophecy: others as a prefiguration of the Second Coming; it has even been suggested that the Transfiguration is a misplaced resurrection account. Mount Tabor is the reputed site of the Transfiguration event. Christian pilgrims often find this mountain and the beautiful Franciscan church there a spiritual highpoint of any visit to the Holy Land.



But because of its unique genre the Transfiguration is too often ignored by individuals and local churches. Having the feast at the height of the holiday season does not help. We should reclaim the Transfiguration as one of the main Christian festivals of the year. We hear and see many things in the created order around us which need change. The presence of evil, hurt, misunderstanding and confusion is evidence enough of *the need for God's transforming and changing* power.

For God can and does transform suffering. He is indeed able to change difficult situations into opportunities for faith and witness. One of the great privileges of priesthood is sharing the personal suffering and agonies, as well as the joys and hopes, that people experience in their lives.

We can look forward with joy and in faith to the Resurrection — *to salvation* — but, *like Christ Himself on the mountain, we must deal first with the suffering around us.* It is that which *we ask God to transform* daily in the words of the Lord's Prayer, which recalls the divine glory of the Transfiguration: "for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory".

The Transfiguration speaks to us as disciples of the risen and ascended Lord. He has gone before us into Heaven to intercede for us. When we look to Him in glory we remember His teaching, His example and the events of His life. We vividly reflect on the *via dolorosa* — the path of suffering — and pray that God might change and transform our *lives and beings in the same* way that He *transformed and guided Christ through Calvary and beyond.*

The Rev Rob Marshall is the author of The Transfiguration of Jesus *(DLT 1995) and priest-in-charge of St Augustine's, Queens Gate, London.*

Childless woman wins reprieve by serving injunction

By Dominic Kennedy
Social Affairs Correspondent

FERTILITY clinics have spared several embryos from destruction after last-minute legal action by patients.

One woman obtained an injunc*tion against the Cromwell Hospital in southwest London, where the world's first test-tube baby, Louise Brown, was conceived, with less than five hours before the deadline on* Wednesday night. A High Court judge granted a three-week delay to the destruction of the frozen embryo, which was created in 1991 using an egg from the woman, who is now in her mid-30s and lives in southeast England, and her husband's sperm.

The couple have since become *estranged and the man has yet to* complete a consent form authorising *the continued storage of their embryo. Clinics have been told by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority that they must have explicit written consent from both parents to keep the embryos alive.*

The woman's solicitor, Graham Ross, says that, because the man agreed to the freezing of the embryo before Parliament introduced a legal time limit, he *must implicitly have* consented to its indefinite storage. The woman telephoned the Cromwell on Wednesday morning, pleading with them to spare her embryo.

Dr Kamal Ahuja said: "The lady was very anxious, and understandably so. We couldn't do anything because her consent had to be joint consent with her husband." Dr Ahuja, whose clinic expects to take a fortnight to destroy all its frozen embryos, ensured that hers was safely kept in the freezer while her lawyer sought an injunction.

The woman is healthy but has been trying for many years to have a baby. *She has four other embryos stored at* the Cromwell, but these are younger than five years.

At Bourn Hall fertility clinic in Cambridgeshire, Peter Brinsden, the director, has put one embryo aside after the mother said she was considering taking out a restraining order. He received a fax yesterday morning from a couple with all the consent forms correctly signed — 24 hours too late to save their embryos.

There are understood to be two more cases nationwide of people seeking injunctions to save their embryos, including one where the sperm was provided by a donor who cannot be traced. *Mr Ross believes all clinics should halt destruction until the issues are decided by a court in three weeks' time, but most appear* to be continuing, after seeking advice from the authority.

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Britannia graces Cowes Week for the final time

By Alan Hamilton

THE nation's premier sailing regatta opens at Cowes today with the Royal Yacht *Britannia* lending her regal presence for the 34th and last time.

Dressed overall and still looking immaculate, despite her 43 years and 1.25 million miles, *Britannia* will play host in the coming days to the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Edward and Sophie Rhys Jones, the Princess Royal, Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy. On Wednesday morning she will make her final departure, accompanied by an expected flotilla of 1,000 yachts and small craft, heading for Portsmouth to collect the Queen for her annual Western Isles cruise.

A political head of steam is already building up for a decision on a replacement vessel. At least four serious proposals have been aired, from a sail training ship to a luxury cruise liner, but no announcement is expected for several months.

In an interview with *The Times* on board yesterday Commodore Tony Morrow, *Britannia*'s commanding officer, refused to be drawn on the question of a new royal yacht, but he disclosed that the present one would have an unusually busy end to its working life next year.

Plans are being drawn up to send the vessel on an extensive tour of the Far East in a combination of royal visits and trade missions, culminating in an appearance in Hong Kong harbour with the Prince of Wales for the hand-over of the colony to China next July. The Queen will be able to enjoy one final Hebridean cruise next August before the vessel is decommissioned.

Commodore Morrow said that an acceptance by the crew of the ship's fate was tinged with sadness. "There is a very strong feeling for *Britannia* as part of the Cowes scene; it is a continuation of the royal connection and patronage that Cowes has enjoyed for 170 years."

Last year *Britannia* had royal family members on board for only 22 days, and spent a further 14 on trade missions. The vessel had been a unique and potent advertisement for Britain, particularly in its trade mission role, Commodore Morrow said. "Important people will not necessarily go to a trade conference in an hotel, but will always come to *Britannia*. Out of that comes contacts, and even contracts."

Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, disclosed in the Commons recently that *Britannia* costs £21,000 a day to run. Her fate was sealed by his predecessor Archie Hamilton, who announced that the vessel needed a £17 million refit in Portsmouth dockyard, and that the Government was not prepared to pay for it. The figure has since been challenged by private dockyards who claim they could carry out the work for much less.

There will be no redundancies among her 260-strong crew when *Britannia* is decommissioned. Most will be dispersed to other navy postings. Others, including Commodore Morrow, will retire with the ship.

For the moment, however, *Britannia* rides at anchor in Cowes harbour, bestowing an air of distinction on an event that was in danger of losing its glamour until the insurance company Skandia Life offered a £1.5 million sponsorship deal over three years. Next year, with no royal yacht, Cowes will have to work a little harder for its glamour.

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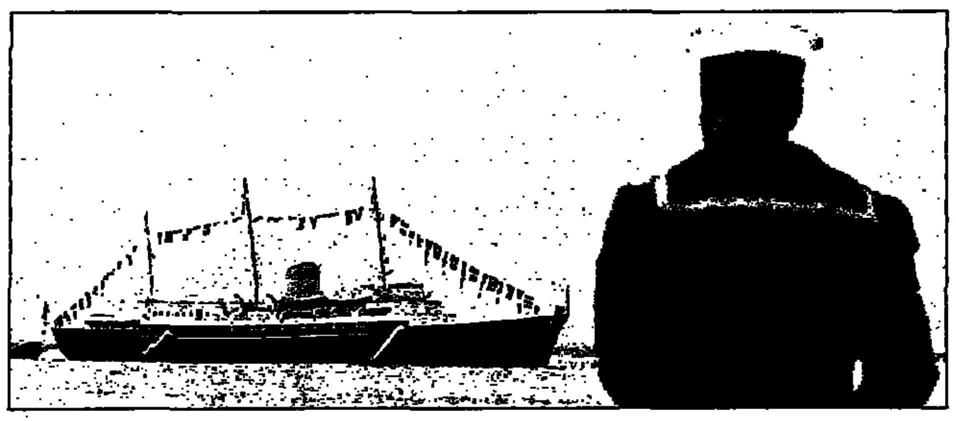
Commodore Morrow on *Britannia*, riding at anchor in Cowes harbour, below. Photographs: Gill Allen



Russian crew sails into regatta history

A RUSSIAN crew will sail into Cowes today aboard one of the most spectacular yachts to appear at the regatta, the 80ft *Grand Mistral* (Kathryn Knight writes). The new £1.5 million boat, which will compete with four others in the Maxi class, is the first Russian-crewed entry in the regatta's 170-year history.

Sue Fielden, deputy secretary of Cowes Combined Clubs, the regatta organiser, said that the 12-man Russian crew had a reputation as good seamen. "The boat they are in will be one of the most impressive in the whole of Cowes Week. We are delighted they have entered. It may have taken 170 years, but we hope it is the first of many such entries."

The crew will attend a party at the Royal Yacht Squadron, of which the Duke of Edinburgh is admiral. He will race with King Constantine of Greece.

Taxi driver jailed for 'revenge'

The first person to be tried in an English court for "taking revenge" has been jailed for 12 months by Southwark Crown Court. Peter Gay, 38, a taxi driver from Whitechapel, east London, had deliberately tried to run over a journalist who had given evidence against him in another court hearing. Gay, who was also convicted of dangerous driving, was banned for two years and will have to resit his driving test.

Commune threat

Guinness has been granted court orders paving the way for the eviction of a commune from 13 acres of derelict land owned by the company in Wandsworth, southwest London. The commune, containing about 40 people, calls itself Pure Genius.

Ulster loses out

An international conference on computer security has been switched from Belfast to the Irish Republic after delegates worried about their safety cancelled their places. The organisers of Computer Security Audit and Control blamed civil unrest.

Gang raids pub

Hooded robbers armed with a sawn-off shotgun, handguns and a Samurai sword ordered customers and staff on to the floor of the Brig pub in North Shields, Tyne and Wear, and stole cash from the till. One man was treated in hospital for cuts.

Guerin film plan

The Disney Corporation wants to make a film about Veronica Guerin, the Irish journalist murdered in June after writing about criminals in Dublin. It has asked her husband, Graham Turley, for co-operation. An American writer is researching the plot.

'Toyboy' groom

Michael Radcliffe, 29, has married Muriel Wilde, 76, a widowed grandmother and friend of his mother's, after a three-month romance. Mr Radcliffe, an undertaker from Stockport, Greater Manchester, said: "I have always preferred older girls."

Time to go out on a wing in search of cheaper chicken cuts

By Robin Young

LAST August it was easy to find chicken breasts at £2.99 a lb. This year it is more likely to be £3.99, and that only on special offer. Whole chickens were £3.99 for 2.3kg last year. Expect to pay £4.95 or more now. It is worth considering cheaper cuts, such as wings and drumsticks, or alternatives such as fish, Quorn or game. Promotions include:

Asda: Fresh turkey steaks £4.38 a kg, large chicken £1.99 a lb, beef topside with fat £5.57 a kg, seedless grapes 79p a lb, nectarines/peaches 99p a punnet.

Budgens: Skinless chicken breast fillets £3.99 for 500g, pork and leek sausages 70p for 400g, new English potatoes 9p a lb.

Co-op: Pork ribs in barbecue marinade £1.69 for 425g, roast topside beef £1.39 for 113g, chilli quarter-pounders £1.29 for four.

Dewhurst: £1 off any purchase of £10 or more.

Harrods: Artichokes marinated in

WEEKEND SHOPPING

balsamic vinegar £2.25 for 100g, pineapple and scallop kebabs £4.49 each, Brie de Nangis cheeses £9.74 a kg, English courgettes 40p lb.

Iceland: Chicken breasts £4.49 for 900g, mushroom and garlic filled chicken £1.49 for two portions, haddock steaks in batter £3.49 for six, broccoli mix £1.19 for 907g, mandarin cheesecake £1.49 for 500g.

Marks & Spencer: Leg knuckle £4.99 kg, skinless salmon fillets £8.99 for six, cherries £1.99 for 450g, English blackberries £1.49 for 200g, 50p off all premium ice creams.

Morrisons: Pork chops £1.89 a lb, topside/silverside £1.99 a lb, fresh tuna loin £4.35 a lb, fresh shark loin £2.75 lb, whole cleaned salmon £1.69 a lb, Galia melons 69p each, salad onions 29p a bunch.

Safeway: Pork and beef sausages 79p for 454g, crumbed ham 59p ¼ lb, chicken breast fillets £4.15 for 595g, Country Farmhouse mature cheddar £1.99 lb, white seedless grapes 99p lb, large mangoes 98p each.

Sainsbury's: Beef topside £4.79 a kg, silverside £6.59 a kg, whole chicken £4.95 for 2.3kg, turkey steaks £4.19 for six, broccoli 49p a lb, courgettes 49p a lb.

Somerfield: Skinless chicken breast fillets £4.45 for 520g, fillet steak £14.95 kg, lumpfish caviar £1.89 for 100g, lean Danish ham £2.29 for 40 slices, cos lettuces 49p each, peas 79p lb.

Tesco: Skinless chicken breast fillets £5.65 for 540g, fresh whole chicken £3.49 for 1.4 kg, sirloin steak £9.89 a kg, lamb loin chops £7.49 a kg, cod fillet £1.95 a lb, rainbow trout £1.87 a lb, broad beans 49p lb, courgettes 49p a lb.

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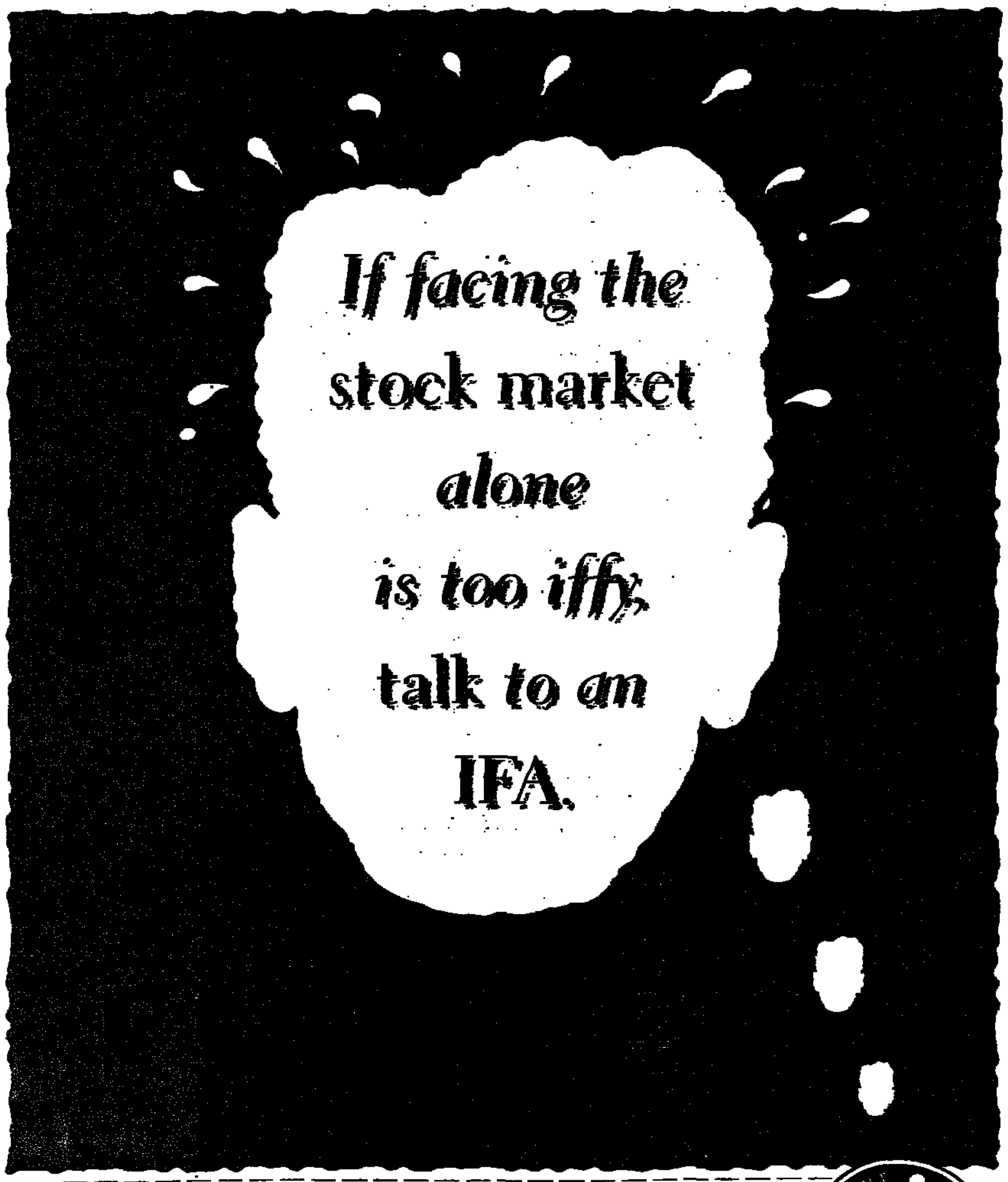
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Somali warlord leaves behind legacy of chaos

Charming but crafty, General Aidid wanted to lead Somalia but was happy to make a fortune from the woes of his people, **Sam Kiley** *writes*

THE Somali warlord, General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, who forced the combined American and United Nations forces into a humiliating retreat in 1993, reduced his country to chaos and exploited famine for financial gain, has died from bullet wounds after a battle in the south of the capital, Mogadishu.

His spokesman in Washington said he died of a heart attack at his home on Thursday while undergoing surgery for the gunshot wounds after a clan battle the previous weekend. To his Habre Gedir clan, the general, whose name means "man of steel", was a national hero. To his enemies, he was a monster.

To outsiders he was the epitome of the Somali character: witty, intelligent, unpredictable, charming, ruthless, brave and treacherous.

I first met the Soviet and Italian-trained general in December 1991, a month after fighting broke out between the Habre Gedir clan, in south Mogadishu, and their rivals, the Agbal, in the north. Sitting at his feet in his house, as the city was randomly shelled by both sides, he told me he had just formed a new government. "What will be the first stage of your economic recovery programme?" he was asked. "Tourism ... we have the longest beaches in Africa," he replied, as a mortar crashed in the garden.

Born in central Somalia, Aidid always flashed a confident smile. His air of optimism never left him, even when he almost lost control of his band of wild Somali bushfighters who overran Mogadishu in January 1991 and drove Mohamed Siad Barre, the former President, from power. His confidence was not destroyed when civil war broke out between their two factions, nor during the four months in 1993 when commandos of the US Delta Force sought to arrest him.

His driving ambition was to be Somalia's head of state, and since 1991 he thrice declared himself President. But he never had the interests of ordinary Somalis at heart.

During the 1992 famine, he made a fortune from aid through his involvement in protection rackets. I met him then in Baidere on the Juba river in southwest Sudan.

I had stepped over the bodies of teenagers who had starved to death, and then watched his militia loot supplies for a feeding centre run by the UN Childrens' Fund.

With the cries of hungry children ringing in my ears, I asked him how he could sit back on his velvet cushions as his people died. He ordered a flunkey to bring freshly squeezed watermelon and lemon juice. "It is the UN. They are not sending enough food. I want only peace and reconciliation," he said, flashing that smile.

More than 350,000 Somalis died in the famine, but for Aidid and other warlords it was a money-spinner. The racket was so obscene that George Bush, then US President, sent 28,000 Marines into Somalia that December, with support from 7,000 UN troops.

General Aidid saw the invasion as another chance for gain. US envoys found themselves having to deal with him, lending him a legitimacy he did not deserve. His main financier, Ali Hassan Osman "Ato", earned the Habre Gedir clan millions of dollars from contracts to build camps for the US and UN troops.

In June 1993, his men killed 28 Pakistani peacekeepers, after they tried to police a disarmament programme, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. For the next three months, General Aidid lived a charmed life: even when his home was flattened in a US air raid, he escaped unharmed. I wandered through his wrecked bedroom. In a cupboard. I found at least a year's supply of toothpaste. I could not help feeling we would see that awful smile again.

In October, his men killed 18 Delta Force soldiers in an eight-hour battle, and President Clinton lost heart in Operation Restore Hope, ended the Aidid manhunt and soon after withdrew US forces.

The end of the UN mission to Somalia, in March last year, provoked a split between General Aidid and Mr Ato, and clan infighting broke out. Since then hundreds have died: the latest victim is the general himself, who was buried in south Mogadishu on Thursday. He was 59.

Mr Ato, an equally urbane and ruthless man, claimed at the time of the split that Somalia would be destroyed on the anvil of General Aidid's ambition.

It now remains to be seen whether Mr Ato will be able to make peace with the general's rivals in the north of Mogadishu — yesterday they offered a unilateral ceasefire — or whether he, too, will revert to the Somali national character. Mr Ato also flashes a broad smile.

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Muhammad Farrah Aidid, left, with a rival warlord, Ali Mahdi Muhammad, in Mogadishu in 1992. A civil war has raged in Somalia since 1991

Priebke faces German trial

From John Phillips in Rome and Michael Kallenbach in Bonn

FORMER SS Captain Erich Priebke was held in an Italian jail yesterday as Germany confirmed it would seek his *extradition. If it goes ahead, he* faces a new trial over the massacre of 335 civilians in Nazi-occupied Rome.

An Italian military court set off worldwide protests on Thursday when it found the 83-year-old former Nazi guilty of taking part in the 1944 reprisal killings, but cleared him of acting with cruelty and premeditation on the ground that he was following orders. By a majority of two to one, the court ordered Priebke to be released because its ruling put the crime beyond the statute of limitations.

Priebke was re-arrested early yesterday by Italian antiterrorist police without ever leaving court after the authorities issued a provisional warrant based on a request from Interpol in Germany. Priebke was taken in handcuffs to Rome's Regina Coeli prison after Giovanni Maria Flick, the Justice Minister, intervened to prevent his release.

In Dortmund, prosecutors were optimistic about his extradition. It would make the first time that a Nazi war crime suspect had been re*turned to face charges in* Germany from another EU country. Last year Germany failed to get Priebke returned from his home in Argentina.

Under German law, Nazi crimes and the killing of hostages are not covered by the regular 30-year statue of limitations. If found guilty of murder by a German court, he could face anything from 15 years to life imprisonment.

Hundreds of angry Jewish *demonstrators and relatives of* massacre victims had besieged the courtroom and clashed with police for seven hours, preventing Priebke and Judge Agostino Quistelli, head of the tribunal, from leaving the building.

Priebke had hoped to return to Argentina, from where he was extradited to Italy in November. But Buenos Aires said yesterday it would not allow him back.

The decision to hold Priebke in Regina Coeli soothed public opinion, partly because many of the massacre victims were selected from the prison.

President Scalfaro received relatives of the victims at the *Quirinal Palace to express his* solidarity with their outrage over the verdict. "If the application of the law does not respect man and history it is no longer law," he said.

Rome said that Priebke could remain under arrest for 40 days while Germany arranged extradition.

Italian members of parliament stood for a minute of silence on Thursday night and Rome switched off lighting at leading monuments.

Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister, expressed "extreme bitterness", and Gianfranco Fini, the "post-Fascist" National Alliance leader, said the verdict "offends the civil conscience of all Italians".

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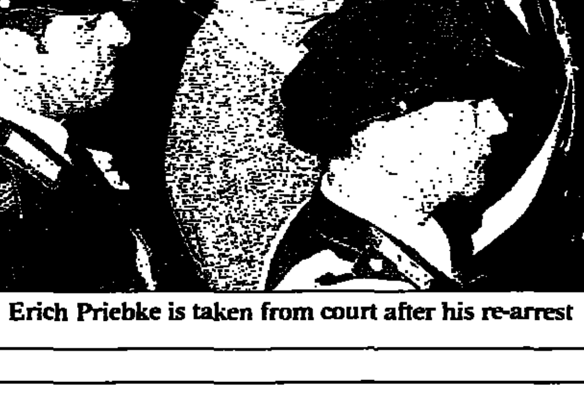

Erich Priebke is taken from court after his re-arrest

West Bank go-ahead for settlers

By Ross Dunn

ISRAEL yesterday gave the *green light to an expansion of* Jewish settlements in the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, home to more than two million Palestinians.

Binyamin Netanyahu, the *Prime Minister, said that* Palestinians had been allowed to increase their numbers freely, while Jews in the territories could not even be assured of building a kindergarten. It was time to end this discrimination against some 130,000 Jewish settlers, he declared.

Under the plan, applications to build inside existing settlements can be approved by the Prime Minister and the Defence Minister instead of a committee. The building of any new settlements would require special approval by the full Cabinet.

But Labour party critics of the Government said the real plan was to settle more Jews in areas which once formed the biblical land of Israel.

Netanyahu and Husain meet secretly in Britain

From Ross Dunn in Jerusalem

BINYAMIN NETANYAHU, the *Israeli Prime Minister,* secretly met King Husain of Jordan in Britain last weekend to discuss plans for a total Middle East peace.

Mr Netanyahu spoke to John Major for 25 minutes last *Friday before setting off for* Britain to meet the King, who was convalescing at his home in Ascot, outside London, after an operation.

Abed al-Karim Kabariti, the Jordanian Prime Minister, and Mr Netanyahu's close advisers also took part in the talks with the King. Their discussions centred on how to advance the peace process between Israel and Syria. Mr Netanyahu's plan first to make peace with Lebanon before a pact with Syria was also discussed.

As a result of the meeting, King Husain is visiting Syria today. The trip, earlier than scheduled, is his first official visit to Damascus since he signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1994. The King and the Israeli leader had wanted *to keep the meeting private, so* as to give the impression that the Jordanian monarch was meeting President Assad of Syria before Mr Netanyahu's trip to Jordan on Monday for a second round of talks.

Mr Netanyahu, apparently, did not even inform his Cabinet at last week's regular meeting about his visit to London. The Husain-Netanyahu meeting appears to have breathed fresh life into the peace process.

On Thursday, shuttle diplomacy between Israel and Jordan gathered pace when Dore Gold, Mr Netanyahu's foreign affairs adviser, visited Amman to prepare for the Israeli leader's visit. Dr Gold met Mr Kabariti and Crown Prince Hassan, who demanded that Israel honour a series of pledges, relating to water and financial issues, made at the time of signing their 1994 peace treaty. Jordan wants Israel to make it easier for its goods to be transported to the West Bank, as well as to implement the water allocation agreement stipulated in their pact.

On Thursday, Mr Netanyahu met Dan Meridor, his Finance Minister, to discuss ways to meet Jordan's de*mands. The Israeli leader said* he gave high priority to relations with Jordan and wanted the sticking points resolved. Mr Netanyahu's office also said that he favoured establishing a free-trade zone with Jordan, with the help of the United States.

Both Syria and Mr Netanyahu's office, meantime, denied reports that President Assad had sent an envoy to Israel last month to discuss prospects for peace.

A *Jerusalem Post* report yesterday said an unnamed US citizen with strong Syrian connections met an official of Mr Netanyahu's office in mid-June during a private visit. He then went to Damascus, where he apparently met senior Syrian officials.

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Former directors of Dunn & Co sued for £8m

By Jon Ashworth

DUNN & CO, the menswear group known for its hats and braces, has been caught up in an unseemly spat involving lawyers, accountants and irate landlords. The former directors of the menswear group are being sued for £8 million over steps allegedly taken to protect the company pension fund from angry creditors.

Liquidators of Dunn & Co have issued a writ against the pension scheme, trustees and former directors, alleging that action was taken to put assets beyond the reach of its creditors. These assets were said to include the payment of a dividend worth £6 million in favour of the pension, and a portfolio of properties from King's Lynn to Taunton.

The action concerns events in 1989 when Dunn set up a limited company, effectively ring-fencing its pension fund from creditors. Recession and falling property values subsequently took their toll, and most of the Dunn operation was closed in 1991, with the loss of up to 400 jobs. About 100 sites were closed. Hodges, a Welsh company, cherry-picked the best 39 sites, and the Dunn name lives on, unaffected by the current legal dispute.

Creditors first in the queue, such as the banks and the taxman, have received some spoils from the liquidation, but there has been no such joy for the unsecured landlords who owned many of Dunn's former sites. The joint liquidators, Philip Wallace and Peter Beirne of KPMG, have taken the action with a view to clawing back some additional funds.

Dunn was originally an unlimited company, and creditors would have had free pick of the pension fund assets. Creating a limited company put in place a buffer protecting pensioners from the consequences if things went wrong. The liquidators have called on the pension scheme and trustees to pay over £8 million for the benefit of creditors. Dunn's former directors face separate calls to pay compensation or damages to make up the loss.

Dunn & Co was formed at the turn of the century, and quickly established itself as a familiar name in men's fashion.

Norton Rose acts for the Dunn camp, but no-one was available for comment. Albert Armstrong, former deputy chairman of Dunn, was surprised to hear of the action.

Sears sells Saxone and Hush Puppies

By Sarah Cunningham

SEARS took a step towards sorting out its troubled shoe businesses yesterday, selling the Saxone and Hush Puppies brands, and paying £8.75 million to have 61 of the shops at the centre of the collapse of the Facia group taken off its hands.

Stylo, the Yorkshire shoe group run by the Ziff family, will be paid with a reverse dividend by Sears to take over the unwanted Saxone, Freeman Hardy Willis and Trueform stores. Stylo, in turn, is paying £5.9 million for the Saxone name.

Stylo will also pay £19.2 million for the Hush Puppies retail business, while Wolverine, the American owner of the Hush Puppies brand name, is to pay Sears £3.8 million for the wholesale business. The sale will produce a profit of £500,000 for Sears and is conditional on the agreement of Stylo shareholders.

Helped by vigorous advertising, Hush Puppies, once the preserve of the comfort-seeking middle aged, are enjoying a fashion revival. The pigskin lace-ups have been spotted not only on the feet of diehard fans like Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, but also of film and pop stars such as Liam and Noel Gallagher of Oasis, David Bowie, Jack Nicholson and Sharon Stone.

The shoes are still available in the traditional brown but the range has been extended to add lime green, lemon sorbet and violet.

Stylo, owner of the Barratt and Bacon shoe shop chains, is raising £14.9 million in a placing and open offer at 110p a share to help to fund the Hush Puppies acquisition. It is also arranging credit of up to £15 million.

Sears has expanded the Hush Puppies chain from just 16 in 1994 to 126 today. However, the group's latest strategy is to concentrate on its large-scale, low-price footwear chains — Shoe Express, Shoe City and Dolcis.

Liam Strong, group chief executive, said yesterday that the Hush Puppies sale was "the final building block in our strategy to focus British Shoe Corporation on a small number of brands with the potential for growth".

The deal will leave the British Shoe Corporation, the Sears subsidiary, with 230 of the stores that it sold between August last year and February to Facia, the shoe retailing empire of Stephen Hinchliffe, the flamboyant entrepreneur.

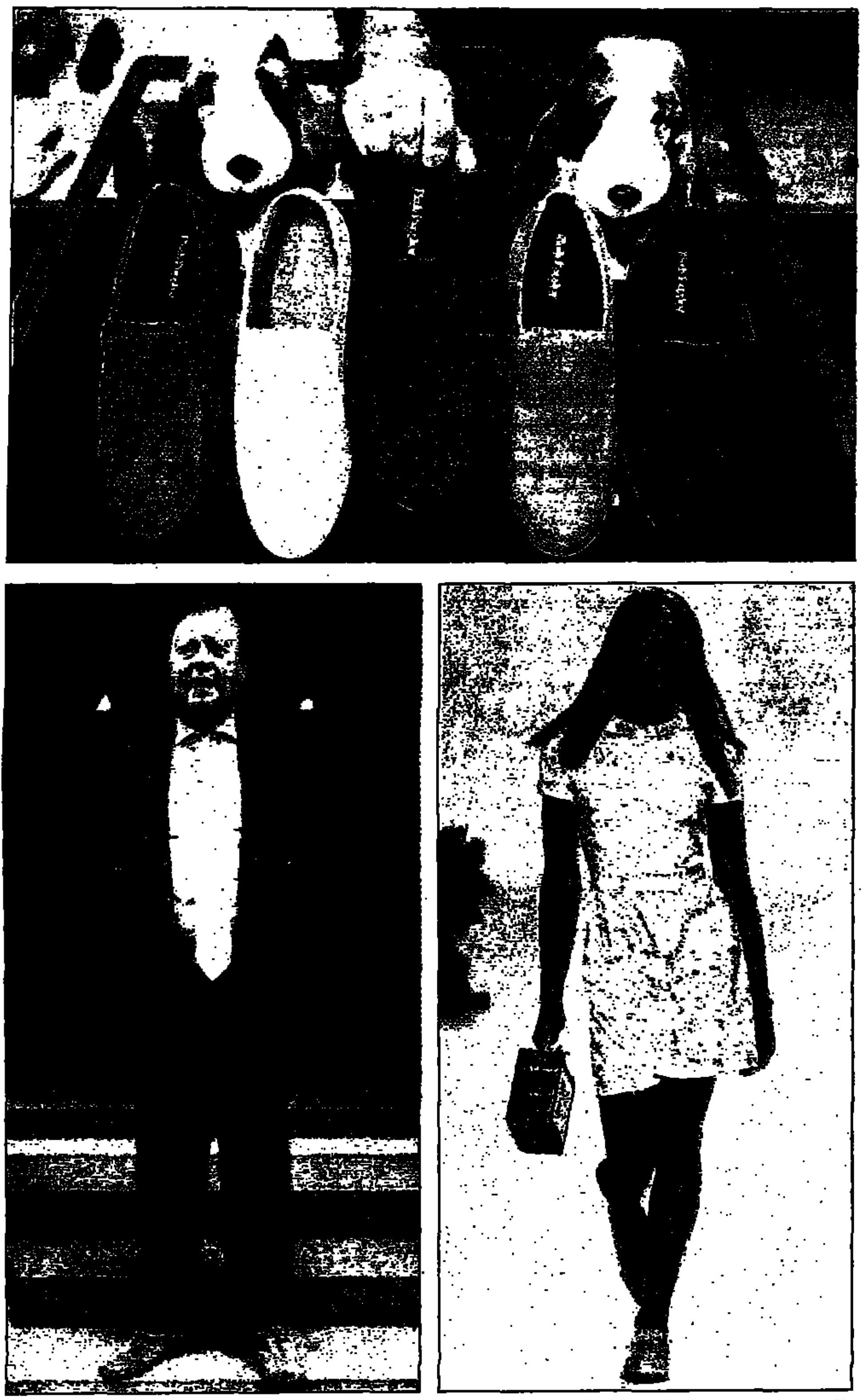
Facia was placed in administration in May, sparking its collapse and leading to the return of the shoe shops to Sears.

Healey & Baker, the surveyor, is looking for buyers for the remaining stores but it is still thought likely that some of these will close, resulting in hundreds of job losses.

Sears has provided £25 million to cover the cost of getting rid of the chains. Mr Strong said yesterday that the figure left Sears "adequately provided for in respect of future liabilities arising from the administration of Facia's footwear interests".

Until yesterday, the Facia debacle had halted attempts at streamlining by Sears, which also owns Selfridges and the Freemans catalogue operation. The group lost £120 million last year. The losses and the dealings with Mr Hinchliffe, combined with high executive bonuses and a poor share performance, have undermined the faith of many investors in Mr Strong.

Sears shares finished 1½p down at the close yesterday, at 98p, while Stylo was unchanged at 120p.



Stepping out: colourful Hush Puppies, and devotees Ken Clarke and model Naomi Campbell

Ofwat to protect Southern customers

By Jon Ashworth

IAN BYATT, Director-General of Ofwat, the water industry regulator, has pledged to ensure that Southern Water is run in the interests of customers as well as shareholders after last month's £1.67 billion takeover by ScottishPower.

Under proposed changes stemming from the deal, Southern Water's average prices would be 1 per cent lower than they would otherwise have been next year, and 3 per cent lower for two years from April 1998.

Inviting comment on the proposals, Mr Byatt stressed his desire to have a clear view of Southern's performance. He said: "My objective is to ensure that the business operates in the interest of customers of Southern Water, not only the group shareholders, and that I have access to information to enable me to regulate effectively. Arrangements for access to information will enable me to continue comparing Southern Water with other water companies." Comments are invited by September 4.

In the past Mr Byatt has argued that water companies that have been taken over should retain a separate listing on the stock market so that he can monitor closely their financial performance.

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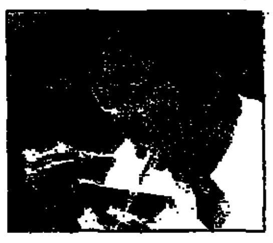

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FT-SE A All share	1863.56	(+15.52)
Nikkei	20940.41	(-44.42)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5650.24	(+55.49)*
S&P Composite	658.89	(+8.87)*
Federal Funds	$5\frac{5}{8}$%*	(7%)
Long Bond	$90\frac{5}{8}$*	($89\frac{11}{32}$)
Yield	6.74%*	(6.84%)
3-mth Interbank	$5\frac{3}{4}$%	($5\frac{3}{4}$%)
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$	1.5420*	(1.5526)
London:		
$	1.5423	(1.5572)
DM	2.2793	(2.2946)
FFr	7.7408	(7.7891)
SFr	1.8562	(1.8698)
Yen	164.94	(166.24)
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SFr	1.2035*	(1.2015)
Yen	107.00*	(107.10)
$ Index	95.8	(95.6)
Tokyo close Yen 106.87		
Brent 15-day (Oct)	$19.00	($19.00)
London close	$386.45	($386.65)

* denotes midday trading price

US labour figures fuel share and bond prices

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

EVIDENCE that the strong momentum of the American economy may be fading yesterday allayed fears of an imminent rise in US interest rates and sent share and bond prices soaring.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was quoted 58 points higher in early afternoon trading. The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond jumped by more than a full percentage point.

Surging markets in America helped the FT-SE 100 index in London to close 36.2 points higher at 3,770.6, a rise of nearly 1 per cent. However, the pound closed sharply lower, partly moving in tandem with a softer dollar and partly on nervousness about the latest announcement on BSE which may prolong the British beef ban. Its trade-weighted index closed at 84.1, down from 84.7 on Thursday night.

The trigger for rallies in stock and bond markets was the eagerly awaited US labour market report for July. The unemployment rate edged up to 5.4 per cent in July compared with 5.3 per cent in June. Non-farm payrolls increased 193,000 against a revised 220,000 gain in June. Although this shows that the US economy is still creating plenty of new jobs, the rise was less than Wall Street had expected.

A hint of slight economic weakening came too in news of a 0.9 per cent fall in factory orders in June, the first decline for four months. Separate figures showed the first drop in consumer spending since January. Yesterday's figures combined with Thursday's news of a weaker purchasing managers' index to strengthen the argument against a rate increase when the Federal Open Market Committee meets on August 20.

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Milken embarks on UK venture

By Alasdair Murray

MICHAEL MILKEN, the disgraced former junk bond trader, has teamed up with Larry Ellison, chairman and chief executive of Oracle, the US computer company, to take control of CRT Group, the UK based recruitment and training company.

Education Technology, a start-up venture jointly owned by Mr Milken and Mr Ellison, is paying £109 million to subscribe to 68 million shares at 160p, equal to 50.1 per cent of the company's enlarged share capital. The unexpected interest in CRT excited the City and the shares rose 60p yesterday to close at a record high of 210p, valuing the company at £140 million. CRT will have £100 million to spend after completion of the deal. It said that it had acquisition targets in mind.

The executive team at CRT will remain in place, with Neil McCarthy, executive vice-president of Education Technology, joining as executive deputy chairman. The non-executives will make way for new directors including Tom Kalinske, former chief executive of Sega USA, and Mr Ellison. Education Technology was established by Mr Milken and Mr Ellison at the start of the year. The investment in CRT is the company's first deal.

Mr Milken was jailed for two years in 1990 and fined $1.1 billion for securities fraud committed while working at Burnham Drexel Lambert, the now defunct investment house. He is still banned from working in the securities industry.

CRT, which floated in 1989, unveiled full-year results yesterday, with profits, excluding exceptionals, rising 22.5 per cent to £8 million. Turnover rose 42 per cent to £103 million. The total dividend was increased 9 per cent to 4.1p, with a final of 3.175p payable on December 11.

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Britain must stay at the table while EMU's on the menu

EXECUTIVE VOICE

Jack Wigglesworth

The pressure from some MPs on their respective front benches to rule out British entry to European economic and monetary union (EMU) in the next Parliament increases, it seems, every day. Many claim support in their quest from the City. A clear decision by the Government, they say, would give the City what it most craves — certainty.

They are quite wrong — for two main reasons.

☐ With due respect to the sincerity of those who might make it, a promise not to enter EMU in the next Parliamant does not, in practice, provide certainty. Would any serious bank or financial institution risk its future by halting EMU preparations on the basis of such a promise?

☐ If British ministers were to state a firm intention to opt out, British influence on the detailed implementation of EMU would sink towards zero — leaving vital British interests unprotected.

Some have argued that a single currency for European Union countries is not viable without a single government. Others take the opposite view. But, given the strong political drive to introduce it, we in the City must prepare for EMU to begin on time.

Let me take the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange (Liffe) as an example. Our futures and options contracts enable financial institutions and their clients to insure themselves against interest-rate movements. As a result, corporate treasurers can protect profitability and jobs, and banks can offer to small businesses and individuals fixed-rate loans and mortgages.

We recognise the powerful political and economic arguments for and against joining. There are commercial arguments both ways, too. We therefore have no corporate view on the merits of EMU or on whether the UK should join. However, we are quite clear that we *have to be* prepared for EMU to go ahead and for UK entry.

Many Liffe contracts are denominated in currencies that might participate in EMU — the mark, the lira and the pound. If EMU goes ahead, there would, in time, be a single short-term rate of interest across the EMU area and hence a single short-term interest rate futures contract. It would be a heavily traded contract and would give a substantial boost to London as a financial centre if Liffe secured it — a viable objective whether the *UK is in or out of EMU.*

Liffe has made a good start by making it clear that each of our European short-term interest rate futures will be Euro contracts — if EMU goes ahead and the contract in question is denominated in a currency that participates in EMU.

We *now have to consider our* long-term bond futures and options contracts and indeed all our contracts — to position them so as to secure as much business as possible in a post-EMU world. For this must be the City's objective — to seize as many as possible of the opportunities that are presented by the huge changes to capital markets that will result from EMU. In doing this, we need the support of British ministers and officials in the councils of the European Union. For there are many areas where the right decisions need to be taken both for Britain and Europe. Let me give just three examples.

The December 1995 European Council in Madrid decided that there should be a "legally enforceable equivalence" between the national currencies and the euro. A regulation is necessary to ensure that throughout the European Union participating national currencies are freely convertible into euros without conditions and at minimal cost. Anything less than this could result in legal uncertainty and increased financial risk. Higher risk means higher costs and threatens jobs.

Or take settlement. It is vital *that there is a direct link from* the UK's real time settlement system for banks to corresponding systems in other EMU member countries (the Target project).

The warning signs are already flashing. Reports now say that continental central bankers have been discussing limiting the access to Target of banks from non-participating countries. If they are successful, UK-based banks and financial institutions may be hit.

Or take contract law. European legislation must ensure that *contracts cannot be terminated* simply because they are denominated in a currency that is giving way to the euro. However, European legislation does not automatically apply in New York, Japan, or indeed anywhere else in the world.

British ministers and officials need to press for active negotiations with non-EU authorities to ensure that the switch to the euro does not undermine trading in the European financial instruments.

These issues may seem technical, but they are fundamental to the City's continued success as Europe's number one financial centre. The City's ability to generate £20 billion in invisible earnings and more than half a million jobs for Britain may be at stake.

Getting EMU right is important to us all, regardless of whether the UK joins in 1999.

☐ *The author is chairman of the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange*

Burford pays £7m for stake

Burford Holdings, the acquisitive property group, has bought a 25 per cent strategic shareholding in Grantchester Group, the warehouse developer, for £6.9 million. The group said it regarded the deal as the first stage of bringing Grantchester to the market. *It is Burford's third* buy since its £145 million rights issue last May.

Cardcast up

Cardcast, the AIM-listed credit card protection company, lifted its pre-tax profit 83 per cent to £401,000 in the six months to June 30 after a deal with the BBC. There is no dividend.

Airport spend

Aer Rianta, the Irish state-owned airport authority, is to spend Ir£120 million on its two main airports over the next five years. The terminal at Dublin airport is to be extended and fitted with a new passenger handling pier, while passenger facilities will be expanded at Shannon airport.

Dublin ready to restart sale of TSB

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

NATIONAL Australia Bank the country's largest bank, yesterday reaffirmed its interest *in buying the Irish Republic's* Trustees Savings Bank, amid renewed signs that the Dublin Government is finally ready to sell.

The Australian bank, which already owns the National Irish Bank as well as Yorkshire, Clydesdale and Northern banks, is interested in acquiring the Irish bank, which analysts estimate could carry a price tag of up to A$280 million (£140 million), to establish a critical mass there.

The move puts the bank head-to-head with Ulster Bank, a subsidiary of the National Westminster, which indicated two years ago that it was interested at a figure rumoured to be £126 million.

A spokesman for National Australia Bank yesterday said: "We are still very keen on the purchase of the TSB and the offer is still on the table." National Australia Bank was the preferred bidder for the TSB *when it was put up for* sale two years ago, but its offer was stalled after pressure from local banks led to the Irish Government opening up the sale to general tender. The bank had hoped to combine the TSB, which has around 5 per cent of the Irish market, with its National Irish Bank, which it acquired in 1986, to double its market share.

The Irish banking market is dominated by the Bank of Ireland and Ulster Bank, which between them have around 80 per cent of the market.

National Australia Bank has made no secret of its desire to expand overseas.

Last year it bought Michigan National Bank in the US for A$2.1 billion and is believed to have earmarked up to A$2 billion for future acquisitions.

PETER TRIEVNOR

Arild Nerdrum, chairman of Caverdale, the motor retailer, whose £1 million acquisition of Clarks Rover helped to lift pre-tax profits 26 per cent to £2 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings were 7.1p (6.1p) per share, allowing an interim dividend of 1.6p (1.2p), due October 1

Jacques Vert plunges into red

JACQUES VERT, the women's wear group, has plunged into the red with a pre-tax loss of £5.04 million for the year to April 27, compared with a profit of £3.1 million the previous year (Sarah Cunningham writes).

The group cancelled its 2.25p interim dividend, which it had already postponed, and will not pay a final dividend. Bill Reid, the executive chairman who took over as chief executive in March, said that late and incomplete deliveries of clothing to wholesalers and to its own shops had led to large-scale returning of goods and a sharp drop in sales. Turnover was down 14 per cent to £42.7 million while gearing at year-end was 124 per cent.

The group has closed its Devon factory and is shutting around 30 unprofitable shops, with about 100 job losses, which will be covered by an exceptional charge of £1.67 million in the 1995-96 accounts.

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Austria Sch	17.07	15.57	Netherlds Gld	2.713	2.483
Belgium Fr	50.05	45.75	New Zealand $	2.41	2.19
Canada $	2.226	2.066	Norway Kr	10.39	9.59
Cyprus Cyp£	0.742	0.687	Portugal Esc	246.00	227.50
Denmark Kr	9.40	8.60	S Africa Rd	7.52	6.72
Finland Mkk	7.50	6.85	Spain Pta	201.00	188.00
France Fr	8.15	7.50	Sweden Kr	10.78	9.98
Germany Dm	2.44	2.23	Switzerland Fr	1.99	1.81
Greece Dr	380	355	Turkey Lira	132770	124770
Hong Kong $	12.58	11.58	USA $	1.642	1.512
Iceland	113	93			
Ireland Pt	1.01	0.93			
Israel Shk	5.25	4.60			
Italy Lira	2455	2300			
Japan Yen	179.10	163.10			

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Kepit managers plan switch to unit trust

THE managers of Kleinwort European Privatisation Investment Trust (Kepit) yesterday offered to turn the fund into a unit trust to try to eliminate the discount at which it is currently trading. The proposal was sparked by a near £500 million bid two days ago by TR European Growth Trust (Treg), which offered to liquidate the ailing trust and return the proceeds to Kepit's 77,000 shareholders. The latest offer came just four days before Kepit shareholders were due to vote on earlier plans for the board to buy back 60 per cent of Kepit shares. Those plans were abandoned yesterday as the managers tried to postpone the EGM and put the new deal forward.

Both of the Kepit proposals aim to narrow the difference between the value of the trust's portfolio, known as the net asset value (NAV), and the price at which the shares have been trading. The NAV is currently just under 103p, and the shares closed yesterday at 92½p. Kepit has urged shareholders to ignore the Treg proposals.

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Rec buyback approved

SHAREHOLDERS at the annual meeting of London Electricity, one of the few independent regional electricity companies, yesterday approved the buyback of up to 17.4 million common shares. The maximum price will be 105 per cent of the average price of the shares in the ten trading days immediately preceding the day on which the repurchases are made. The repurchase option expires in August 1997. Shares of London Electricity, which have been on the wane in recent months, closed unchanged at 620p.

Irish jobless total rises

THE Republic of Ireland's jobless total continued its upward trend in July with 5,500 more people signing on for unemployment benefits, according to the Central Statistics Office. The unadjusted July figure of 288,400 prompted opposition parties to call for new government measures to tackle one of the European Union's highest unemployment rates — currently 12.6 per cent. The seasonally adjusted July figure was 285,500 — the highest since March 1994.

Dual success for DMV

DIGI-MEDIA VISION (DMV), a subsidiary of News International, owner of *The Times*, has received Queen's Awards for Technology and Export. DMV, which is at the forefront of *digital satellite and terrestrial broadcasting, is the only* company to have been granted both awards this year. They were presented to Mike Windram, managing director, by Mary Fagan, the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire.

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A WORKING WEEK FOR: SHEILA MASTERS

The dame who is pitching for president

Jon Ashworth expects to receive a mauling from a woman with a fearsome reputation but is greeted instead by roars of laughter

APPROACHING an interview with Dame Sheila Masters feels a little like a boxer preparing for a championship title fight. Will it be a knockout blow, or will the punishment linger to the final bell?

To rise this high in a firm as big as KPMG, one has to be tough — and to judge by her fearsome reputation, Dame Sheila is as tough as they come. Wrists strapped, gloves on, I *step* into the ring to do battle.

Several rounds later, I wonder what all the fuss was about. Dame Sheila is tough, certainly, but she does not try to pretend *otherwise*. One warms to her, as she speaks of those maulings for the unfortunates who fall short of her high standards. Sentences are punctuated by hearty roars of laughter. There is even a glimpse of her "other" life — dogs and cats roaming a farmyard in Kent; dinner in Covent Garden after a night at the opera. Things could be far worse.

Dame Sheila, 47, made a dame in the Queen's Birthday Honours, has cut a swathe through the male-dominated world of accountancy. When she joined Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co in 1970, armed with a law degree from Bristol, women were looked on with suspicion. She was one of only four women *out of an intake of 100 in* her year. Two-and-a-half decades later, 47 of KPMG's 587 partners are women, and Dame Sheila commands the heights, in a firm that employs 8,481 people and earned £588.7 million in *fees last year. This week*, KPMG was cleared over its audit of International Signal & Control, the company that brought down Ferranti International. It earlier paid £40 million to settle the case, without admitting liability.

"I think that coming in five years earlier would have been really tough," says Dame Sheila, who qualified as a chartered *accountant in 1973 and made* partner ten years later. "It was just at the time that women started saying they wanted to have professional careers and go on and do other things. The City and places like that were just changing."

It is *tempting to throw* in the cliché of the lone woman *triumphing* against all odds, but Dame Sheila will have none of it. "People always *want* me to say it was really hard, and it wasn't," she chuckles. "It really wasn't. I think I was lucky. I had a very good senior manager who genuinely took me under his wing and wanted me to succeed. He adopted me as a kind of a daughter and was very kind. He did slightly overprotect me, because it meant I never went on heavy manufacturing *audits in places like Stockport. On the* other hand, he sent me to cosmetic factories and things like that, which I thought was lovely."

Dame Sheila's talents were recognised long before she made partner. In 1979 she was seconded to the Treasury for two years in the first of a series of government postings. She was told that life might be tough. "The then senior partner nearly fell off his chair," says Dame Sheila. "I was known as being fairly tough even by 1979."

Why the aggression? "I think it's just a natural stand-and-fight. I've never been on an assertiveness course or anything like that. It's just how I naturally behave. I'm very focused. I know what the end result has to be, and I'll go for it. I can be *quite driven* in that way."

Dame Sheila concedes that she has *made enemies along the way*. "It probably should bother me a bit more than it does. While there probably are some people who say they will never work for me, and I know there are, because they've either been slightly scarred en route, or they've heard of other people, I don't *mind* that much. And it's not just because I'm a woman. There are many of my male partners who are in exactly the same position."

Office tensions have never erupted into physical violence, although Dame Sheila once found a threatening note on her desk. She was asked a question about Nigeria on the BBC's *Question Time*, and returned to a note that said something like: "You fascist cow, we'll come and get you." Dame Sheila admits to being shaken by the incident. "It was actually quite dreadful, because it was *very close to the office*. One thought, being there, eight o'clock at night, nobody else around, what might one do?"

> ‘I'd be crushed if I were rejected a third time’

She frequently appears on television, once defending the NHS on Sir *David Frost's* programme. "What is there? Is there something in me that actually likes to be seen?" she muses. "Perhaps there's something in me that might have gone on the stage. There's something in me that likes the attention."

Dame Sheila was seconded to the NHS as director of finance from 1989-91, and *later served on the NHS Policy Board*. Virginia Bottomley is an old acquaintance, although Kenneth Clarke was in charge at the time. "I came in at a time when the NHS was seriously overspending and didn't really have any sense of financial management. So I had to completely change the culture and eliminate a lot of deficit."

While Colin Sharman, senior partner of KPMG, was shedding jobs at the firm's London office, Dame Sheila took the axe to the NHS. "Living within finance never quite caught up with the NHS. They found ways of fiddling to get round the year and borrow off next year. I used to do a lot to find out where the cause of the problems were, and really insisting on *remedial action, some of which was tough* things, like cutting services, and actually starting to manage resources properly."

Dame Sheila insists she is not responsible for hospital closures and other deeply unpopular moves, but the "manage within your means" rallying cry certainly bears her mark. "I never made those decisions. What I said was: 'you managers have to confront the fact that you have to balance your books, and we can talk about how long it's going to take you to balance the books, but you are going to *balance the books'. They then had to come* back with their plan, and their timetable. The difficult thing was actually to get to that position, and then drive them on and not be pushed to one side."

Dame Sheila commutes to London by train from a 200-acre farm near Tunbridge Wells, which she shares with her husband, Barry Noakes. The couple have *no children. The farm is stocked with* pedigree beef cattle and sheep, and there are two racehorses, being groomed as steeplechasers. The couple recently sponsored a race at Windsor: The Barry and Sheila Noakes Handicap. Dame Sheila enjoys life on the farm, but stops short of shearing sheep or mucking out stables. "It's a very nice contrast when I come back *for* the weekends." The kitchen *is* filled with dogs and cats.

Working commitments keep Dame Sheila away one or two nights a week. Her main audit client is the BBC, although she denies any part in John Birt's hard-hitting reforms: She is a non-executive member of the Inland Revenue's Management Board, and a non-executive director of the Bank of England, along with Sir David Lees, Sir Colin Southgate and others.

When staying in *London, Dame Sheila* is as likely to be found dining in Bertorelli's or Magno's Brasserie in Covent Garden, as taxiing back to the Farmer's Club overlooking the Thames. Holidays might find her on the ski slopes *of Europe. She and her husband are avid* skiers and have bought an apartment in Courcheval in France.

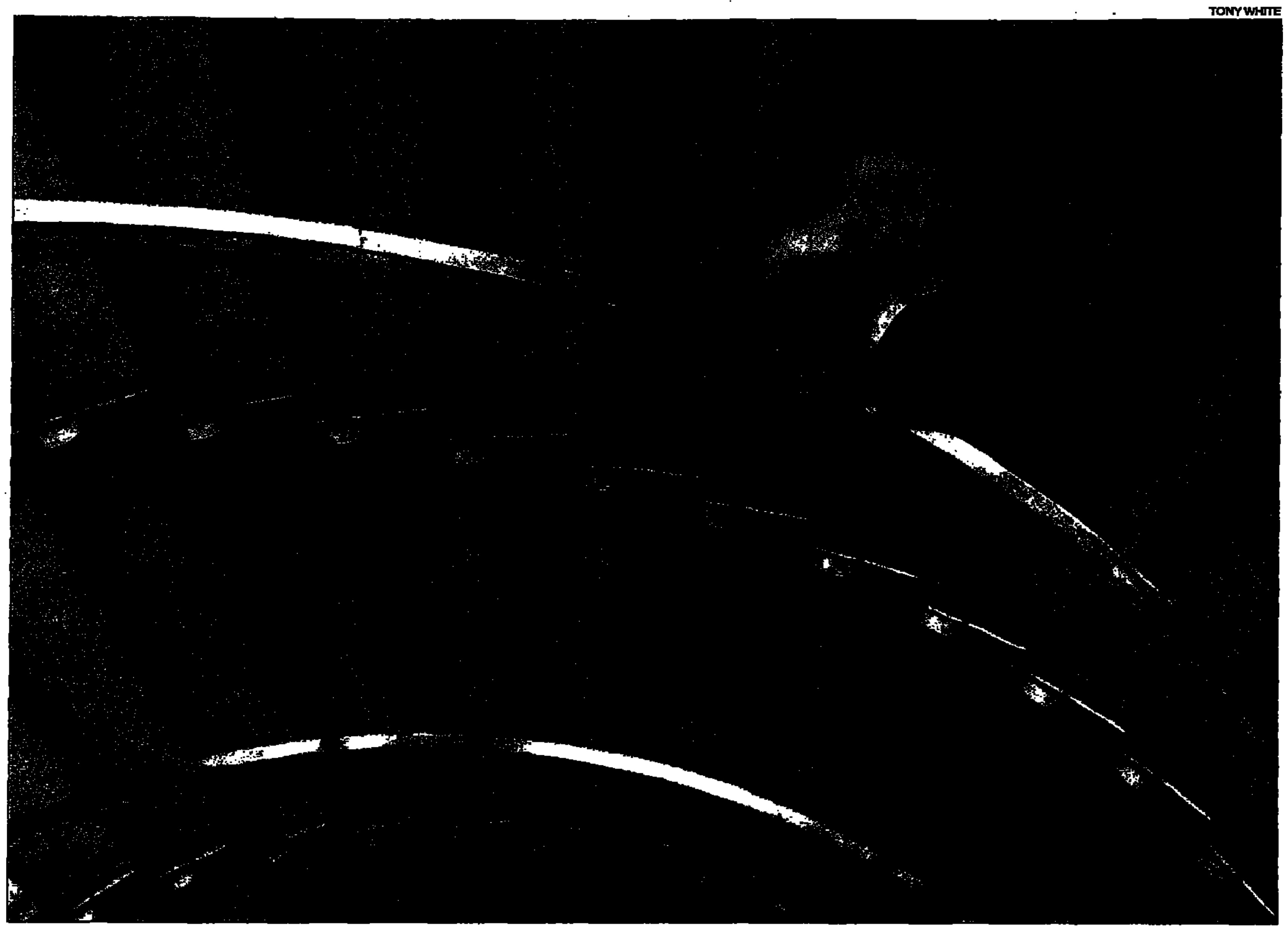
Being made a dame has brought sackfuls of mail — and some witty retorts. "Colin Southgate actually sent me a CD and said I was to play track 12 on side two, or whatever it was, and I just knew without looking that it was *Nothing Like A Dame*." She is still replying to all the *letters from friends and former colleagues*. "It's really nice. I know I'll be able to look back on those letters in my old age and relive the glow."

For all her intelligence and success, one last prize has eluded Dame Sheila: the presidency of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW). She has put herself up for *election twice, and twice been narrowly* defeated. After much soul-searching, Dame Sheila has decided to give it one more try and will be standing again in February — no doubt to the consternation of fellow members of the ICAEW council, on which she has sat since 1987.

"The challenge is actually to try and shake up the institute into an organisation to fit the next millennium, which *means quite a lot of attitudes have to* change. If the institute was in business, it wouldn't have any business, because it's not close enough to its clients."

Success would leave Dame Sheila in line to become president in 1999. "I'd be crushed if I were rejected a third time. One of my partners said 'of course you're now much too grand to be elected, having *been made a dame', but I hope not.*" She smiles wistfully. "Having got so far, I really want to do it."

TONY WHITE



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HIDDEN ASSETS

Auntie's Art Deco gem of a theatre shines once again

Hidden inside that great white Art Deco castle of Broadcasting House that looms up as you enter Portland Place from Regent Street is a gem of a theatre, recently restored and refurbished to its original 1930s glamour and now equipped with all the state of the art technology that a *modern* sound studio could need.

The BBC's audience entertainment programmes, having departed reluctantly from The Paris Studio in Lower Regent Street for reasons of cost, have moved into the new venue and are now revelling in the plush glamour of the renamed BBC Radio Theatre, bringing "as-live" light entertainment programmes such as the *News Quiz* and *I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue* back to the heart of Broadcasting House after 50 years.

Those bubbly audiences, ever ready with another warm round of applause, now find themselves cocooned in the splendour of a magnificently theatrical Art Deco hall, refurbished, relined, restaged and redecorated with staggering coloured star-burst house lighting and the original *1930s wall friezes done* by Gilbert Bayes, a contemporary of Eric Gill.

The theatre is one of three remaining halls in Broadcasting House, now all Grade II listed, that retain the original features conceived by Lieutenant-Colonel G. Val Myer, *the architect* who designed the building as a showcase for broadcasting technology and contemporary *interior styles*. From the day in October 1932 when the hall opened with a concert of Mozart and Beethoven string quartets it was used mainly as a venue for the BBC's lunchtime concerts and also as an air raid shelter for BBC staff during the blitz.

Unfortunately, it never quite fulfilled its original promise as a *concert hall*. Underground rumblings from the Bakerloo line increasingly impinged on the recordings. The stage was never quite big enough to accommodate a full symphony orchestra and the acoustics never matched other new concert halls of the era. The hall was subject to a series of changes, with the stage and the seating being altered unsuccessfully several times.

In 1940 when a German bomb ripped into the Portland Place side of the building Radio Three decided to decamp to the Wigmore Hall *near by and the audience* entertainment team went off to The Paris Theatre.

Now the BBC's resources building design team, led by Jane Thornley, an architect, has transformed the hall. She said: "Everything we did had to be done within the guidelines of English Heritage. They said we couldn't change *the appearance of the hall* and yet we had to increase the stage size and radically alter the acoustics to suit speech reverberations as opposed to music.

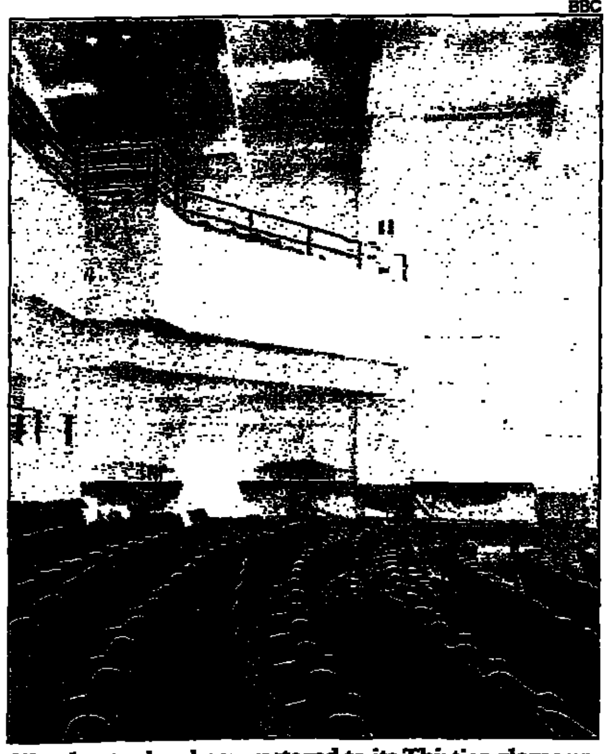
"By lowering the ceiling and bringing in the walls slightly so that the space became about 18 per cent smaller we solved the acoustics problem and we rebuilt the ceiling and walls in wood and plasterboard in such a way that *they still look like* the original plaster moulding." Acoustics have been further improved with a fine mesh hood stretched above the stage.

The Compton pipe organ, a splendid piece of workmanship of 2,362 pipes commissioned in the early 1930s, is lovingly maintained and played regularly, but it is so loud that its *blasts tend to reverberate up* and down the building's steel frame, making unwanted appearances in the dozens of erudite programmes being broadcast from surrounding studios — and particularly in the news studio above.

The BBC's in-house Organ Society, however, has insisted for the past 20 years on regular use of the instrument to prevent deterioration. Every night after the Radio 4 *announcer has signed off at* the end of the midnight bulletin and the shipping forecast has been broadcast, devoted members of the society strike up with their nocturnal concerts.

JOANNA PITMAN

BBC



The theatre has been restored to its Thirties glamour

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Bid whispers lift shares of Cadbury Schweppes

The market thinks Dominic Cadbury could soon face a bid

CADBURY SCHWEPPES, the confectionery and soft drinks group headed by Dominic Cadbury, was the best performing blue chip yesterday, jumping 20p to 539p amid claims that it could soon *get a takeover offer*.

Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch foods group, is seen as a potential suitor, although most brokers were quick to rule this out. They say Unilever, up 11p at £12.58, has enough on its plate already. Speculation has been swirling round Cadbury, which has a price-tag of more than £5 billion, ever since it began unwinding its worldwide bottling agreement with Coca-Cola earlier this year. There has been talk that Cadbury has been looking to buy the soft drinks arm of Quaker Oats to bolster its drinks portfolio. *Brokers say if a bid* was launched for the company, it would be more likely to originate from the US.

Elsewhere, share prices closed near their best of the day, benefiting from further evidence of a slowdown in the US economy provided by the *latest employment numbers*. Figures on job creation were at the bottom end of expectations, reassuring investors that a rise in US interest rates can be avoided.

Investors in London were quick to respond to the news and the subsequent 70-point surge in the Dow Jones industrial average. By the close, the FTSE 100 index was 36.2 points higher at 3,770.6, a rise on the week of 97.3.

The fashion for share buybacks is growing. Yesterday **London Electricity** received shareholder approval to buy back almost 10 per cent of its equity. It now has until August, next year, to execute the transaction. The shares closed unchanged at 620p.

Earlier this week **Thames Water**, up 6p at 539p, bought back more than 40 million of its own shares and **National Westminster Bank**, 10p better at 655p, splashed out £450 million on buying back shares. HSBC James Capel, the broker, is optimistic about prospects for NatWest, forecasting that the share price will hit 700p in the next six months. Michael Lever, banking analyst at Capel, said many of the fears relating to NatWest's figures had been overdone.

A profits warning saw **Arjo Wiggins Appleton** touch 164p *before ending the session 3p* cheaper at *171p*. Quarterly figures released to the Paris bourse revealed a downturn in turnover during the second quarter. *BZW* responded by cutting its profit forecast for the full year by £30 million to £120 million. Other houses are *expected to follow suit*.

Sears dipped 1½p to 98p after announcing several disposals. It is selling its Hush Puppies wholesale operation to Wolverine Worldwide for £23 million. The Hush Puppies retail side is being bought by Stylo, which is also being paid £9.75 million by Sears to take on 61 shoe stores at the centre of the recent Facia collapse. **Stylo**, unchanged at 120p, is raising almost £15 million via a placing and open offer at 110p to help to finance the deal.

Courtaulds, the chemicals *supplier, dropped 5p to 438p* after a bearish review of the company from Nikko. The comments come after of a bad week for chemical companies reflected in the disappointing news from **Hanson**, unchanged at 155½p, and **Shell**, 11½p better at 923p.

Nikko says the shares are overvalued and does not see the group's trading record, since it was demerged from Courtaulds Textiles in 1990, improving dramatically.

CRT, the education specialist, soared 60p to 210p on learning that Education Technology, the US learning and technology group, had tendered £109 million for 50.1 per cent of the shares. CRT said the move will help to finance the next stage of the group's development. The move was accompanied by full-year figures from CRT showing pre-tax profits 22 per cent higher at £8 million.

Ronson, famous for its cigarette lighters and other branded goods, is asking shareholders to dig deep for an extra £10.4 million for a *nine-for-10 rights issue at 25p*. The Albion Consortium Fund will help to underwrite the issue by subscribing for 4.47 million shares also at 25p. Howard Hodgson, the former undertaker, wants to pay off debts and provide finance to develop the group.

Ronson saw interim figures spoilt by a warehouse fire in Newcastle. Pre-tax profits collapsed from £1.45 million to £57,000. The shares fell 5p to 37p.

Pegasus, the computer software group, ended unchanged at 413p, in spite of receiving terms of a bid from **Sage Group**, *1p firmer at 429p*. Unfortunately, Sage decided to pitch the terms at 425p, either in cash or shares, offering a 10p premium to the ruling market price. Sage was forced out in the open by persistent speculation that has driven the Pegasus share price to new heights.

Jacques Vert, the fashion group, dropped 11p to 54p after plunging into the red, with losses of £5 million compared with a surplus last time of £3 million.

On the Alternative Investment Market **SCI Entertainment**, the software group, became the 200th company to join the secondary market after a placing at 149p. The shares started life at 151p and ended the session at 156p.

☐ **GILT EDGED:** Prices recovered from a slow start after investors gave a warm reception to the latest US employment numbers. These provided further evidence that the US economy was showing signs of slowing, averting the need for a rise in US interest rates.

In the futures pit the September long gilt closed at its best of the day with a rise of £15/32 at £107 27/32 as a total of 58,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 rose £13/32 to £98 31/32. At the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £7/32 better at £103 3/8.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Wall Street stocks surged in early trading after surprisingly soft job growth data. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 55.49 points to 5,650.24.

Keep an eye on Network Technology, up 3p at 143p, after making its debut on AIM this week, following a placing at 120p. New contracts should boost turnover of the computer hard and software specialist this year to £40 million. The profit margins are generous and brokers say next stop for the shares should be 200p.

MOVERS OF THE WEEK

	Current price	Week's change	
Amstrad	138p	-22p	Psion bid talks aborted
Kode International	100p	-10p	Profits setback
Johnson Fry	144p	+15p	Lenny Licht raises holding
Learmouth Burchett	102p	-13p	Profits warning
National Westminster	655p	+30p	Share buy back/results
Chiroscience	365p	+45p	Bid speculation
Premier Farnell	609p	-29p	Brokers downgrade forecasts
Northern Ireland Elec.	348p	-55p	Offer pricing proposals
Cadbury Schweppes	539p	+35p	Bid speculation

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 5650.24 (+55.49)
S&P Composite .... 658.89 (+8.87)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 20940.41 (-44.42)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 10961.97 (+172.10)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 550.45 (+10.38)

Sydney:
AO .... 2208.6 (+17.4)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2508.65 (+14.19)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2136.49 (+16.88)

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RPI .... 153.0 Jun (2.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX .... 152.6 Jun (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AND International	72	...
Allzyme	45	...
Allied Carpets	230	...
Atkins WS	230	...
BATM Advd Cms	130	+ 2
British Energy (100)	102¼	+ ¼
Digital Anmtns	85	...
Drings of Bath	4	...
Electrnc Retail	148	...
Fayrewood	48	...
HIT Entertain (163)	189	...
Hat Pin	64	...
Hoare Govett 1000 C	97	...
Life Numbers	15	...
Life Numbers Wts	6	...
Lotteryking Wts	1½	...
NECA	17	...
Plasmon	174	+ 1
Pordum Foods Wts	1¼	...
Quintain Ests & Dev	114	...
Robert Walters	115	...
SCI Entertainment	156	...
Selector	68	...
Therap Antibodes	474	+ 2
UNO	166	+ 1
West 175 Enter	125	+ 5
Xavier Computer	11	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Insprtns Pf n/p (100)	1½	...
Lorien n/p (250)	10	...
Old English n/p (100)	16	...
Sema Gp n/p (595)	131	+ 7
Syndcte Cap n/p (110)	1½	...
Tullow Oil n/p (80)	6	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Regent Inns .... 209p (+12p)
Micro Focus .... 768p (+38p)
Andrew Sykes .... 448p (+20p)
Danka Bs Sys .... 465p (+20p)
Cortecs .... 268p (+11p)
Filtronic Com .... 245p (+10p)

FALLS:
Bluebird Toys .... 209p (-10p)
Stagecoach .... 521p (-10p)
BSS Group .... 598p (-11p)
BOC .... 898p (-10p)
CPL Aromas .... 304p (-9p)

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TEMPUS

Jobs worth on Wall Street

THE important thing about the share price surge in London and Wall Street was that it was not about statistics. These figures are usually meaningless. US unemployment moved up a little in July to 5.4 per cent, from June's figure of 5.3 per cent. The American economy is still creating lots of jobs; the non-farm payroll grew by 193,000 jobs, but that compares with 220,000 jobs created in June.

It all sounds fairly unexciting, but Wall Street's big wheels have been stuck in a Slough of Despond for a month. Yesterday, however, they were spinning with excitement because a weaker employment market means they need no longer worry *about inflation nor a rise in short-term* interest rates.

What has caused their spirits to revive? They are happy, not because job creation is slowing but because it is slowing faster than expected. The Dow Jones industrial average soared yesterday because economists had predicted that 207,000 jobs would be created and the real figure was 14,000 less. In effect, the stock market is delirious because things are just a little bit better than expected, or not quite as bad as feared. For those 14,000 Americans who did not get jobs in July, there is the thought that each job forgone was worth millions for someone on Wall Street.

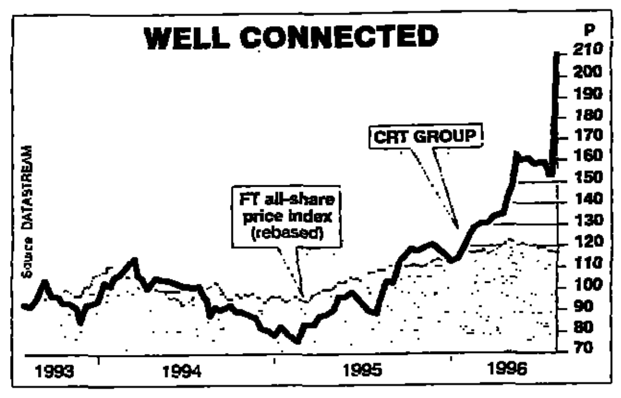
The irony is that real data about companies has been available for weeks, providing ample proof that the outlook is benign. Well over 60 per cent of the companies in the S&P 500 index have reported earnings ahead of expectations. But why believe empirical data when an economist can give you a view?

CRT

THE former junk bond dealer, Michael Milken, is probably not the first person that shareholders in CRT would expect to see investing in their company. News that Mr Milken and his partner, Larry Ellison, had just invested more than £100 million in the training and recruitment company through their jointly owned *start-up venture, Education* Technology, sent CRT shares scurrying 40 per cent higher yesterday.

Education Technology has been attracted to CRT because it believes the company can become the dominant European player in the *recruitment and training* market. CRT has three divisions — training, information technology recruitment consultancy and multimedia — that offer substantial opportunities for cross-branding and synergies.

CRT is also operating in a relatively immature and fractured market and with £100 million to spend should be able to expand rapidly. The existing executive team has established a good track record since disposing of CRT's failing management consultancy division two years ago. This team will stay in place after the share subscription but will also be able to draw on the wealth of experience and contacts from the company's new non-executives. Until the company reveals more about its plans, the shares carry some risk. But with cash and a good track record, CRT is certainly not junk.



Sears

WITH Stylo, Sears has found a more secure home for Hush Puppies than Facia proved to be for the unfortunate Saxone, Freeman Hardy Willis and Trueform chains. Nevertheless, the prospect of a sale that sticks to the buyer rather than one that comes flying back into the face of the vendor is not enough to make the deal entirely satisfactory.

Hush Puppies is not a complete dog, so to speak. The business made some money and the brand is enjoying a fashion revival as a form of 1970s *retrochic*. That may not be sufficient reason to keep it, but the price being paid to Sears for the retail and wholesale businesses — some £23 million — represents a small fraction of their turnover of about £70 million.

Sears has a habit of selling businesses for less than turnover, a factor which disturbs those in the City fraternity who like to concoct break-up values of Sears based on enterprise values of the retailing group.

The test for Sears will be the price at which Freemans, its catalogue business, is sold. There is no indication from the company that the business is for sale, but lack of growth opportunities was the rationale for shedding Hush Puppies and there is little chance of Sears expanding Freemans. Traditional mail order is not a growth market and Sears shareholders would be unlikely to tolerate a costly acquisition.

Caspian

THE City knows a good deal when it sees one. Yesterday's 10p leap to 28½p in the price of Caspian Group shares after the approval of its deal to buy Leeds United, indicates the the media minnow has struck a bargain.

Caspian, which until now was a ragbag of mediocre assets, is paying £16.5 million for Leeds, equal to the price paid by Newcastle United for England striker Alan Shearer plus one year of Shearer's wages. It is a mere 8 per cent of the value of Manchester United and less than a fifth of the market value of Tottenham Hotspur. Leeds had sales last year of more than £18 million and, before transfer fees, made profits of £740,000.

Given the massive influx of TV cash into football and the possibility of the team playing in Europe, then these figures will look like chicken feed. Moreover, Caspian has grandiose plans to add ice hockey, basketball and rugby league to the delights on offer at the Elland Road ground.

Assuming there are no more legal hiccups in this deal, Caspian shareholders and Leeds United season ticket holders should rush to take up the offer of shares at 18½p. It might not be as good a gravy train as Porterbrook, but it looks good.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	981-978	Dec	1062-1061
Dec	1002-1001	Mar	1079-1075
Mar	1016-1015	May	1082-1081
May	1029-1028	Jul	1090-1088
Jul	1040-1038		
Sep	1051-1049	Volume:	3671

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1546-1545	May	1430-1420
Nov	1532-1530	Jul	1425-1410
Jan	1488-1486	Sep	1415-1405
Mar	1445-1443	Volume:	2357

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	337.8-36.5
Spot: n/a		Aug	336.8-35.3
Oct	347.4-47.0	Oct	326.8-24.5
Dec	344.2-43.1	Dec	327.2-26.5
Mar	340.9-40.5	Volume:	1155

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 1

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	106.99	102.73	95.84
(+/-)	-0.76	-3.38	-4.28
Eng/Wales:	106.98	102.91	95.18
(+/-)	-0.81	-1.02	-4.34
(%)	+12.0	+114.0	-19.0
Scotland:	109.30	101.35	99.08
(+/-)	+4.17	-0.04	-3.04
(%)	-46.0	+66.0	-44.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.35	+0.55
Brent 15 day (Sep)	19.30	+0.50
Brent 15 day (Oct)	19.00	+0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	20.95	+0.65
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	20.35	+0.55

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	200 (n/c)	202 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	179 (+1)	181 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	91 (n/c)	93 (n/c)
Naphtha	187 (-5)	189 (-5)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Aug	178.00-78.25	Nov	173.75-74.00
Sep	176.25-76.50	Dec	172.50-73.00
Oct	175.00-75.50		Vol. 18890

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	19.35 SLR	Dec	18.32-18.34
Oct	18.99-19.02	Jan	18.04-18.09
Nov	18.66-18.68		Vol. 18840

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	110.75	Sep	101.85
Nov	112.75	Nov	104.40
Jan	114.75	Jan	106.35
Mar	116.75	Mar	108.25
May	118.70	May	110.35
Volume: 191		Volume: 94	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	85.0
Mar		110.0
Apr	117.5	114.0
		Volume: 95

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Aug 90.00-90.50

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 96	1080	1067	1075
Sep 96	1142	1137	1135
Oct 96	1215	1211	1217
Jan 97	—	—	1236
Vol. 25 lots		Open interest: 2762	

Index 1062 same

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2036.0-2037.0	1940.0-1941.0	132650
Lead ($/tonne)	779.50-780.50	[illegible]	170400
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1012.0-1012.5	1037.0-1037.5	337350
Tin ($/tonne)	6100.0-6105.0	6160.0-6161.0	29245
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1480.0-1481.0	1515.0-1515.5	1143575
Nickel ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	50274

LIFFE OPTIONS

[illegible]

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 62067	Sep 96	3748.0	3793.0	3736.0	3781.5	16020
	Dec 96	3762.0	3762.0	3754.0	3802.5	150
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 3491	Sep 96				4261.0	0
	Dec 96					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 412515	Sep 96	94.26	94.28	94.24	94.27	14837
	Dec 96	94.17	94.20	94.14	94.20	21440
	Mar 97	93.92	93.98	93.90	93.98	13940
Three Mth Euro Yen	Dec 96	98.86	98.92	98.86	98.90	1170
	Mar 97	98.61	98.61	98.61	98.62	50
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: [illegible]	Sep 96	96.64	96.73	96.68	96.71	34124
	Dec 96	96.64	96.71	96.63	96.70	[illegible]
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 140273	Sep 96	107-11	107-31	107-09	107-27	58527
	Dec 96				107-11	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 96	119.19	119.40	119.13	119.31	3130
	Dec 96	117.96	118.17	117.96	118.14	[illegible]
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: [illegible]	Sep 96	97.27	97.84	97.22	97.74	155691
	Dec 96	[illegible]	96.95	[illegible]	96.85	925
Three month ECU Previous open interest: [illegible]	Sep 96	95.61	95.68	95.57	95.65	1294
	Dec 96	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: [illegible]	Sep 96	[illegible]	97.62	97.55	97.61	6147
	Dec 96	97.45	97.52	97.45	97.52	[illegible]
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 67675	Sep 96	[illegible]	117.10	116.26	117.00	[illegible]
	Dec 96	116.15	116.15	116.15	116.30	3

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high 5¾ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open [illegible] close [illegible].

Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.32	n/a	5.43	5.63	5.73
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TREASURY BILLS: Applicts: £1,682m allotted: £600m; Bids: £98.615% received: 15%. Last week: £98.625% received: 97%. Avge rate: £5.5349%, last wk £5.5143%; Next week: £600m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4-3
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3-2
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $387.00-387.30 **Close:** $386.20-386.70 **High:** $386.90-387.40
Low: $386.00-386.50 **AM:** $387.15 **PM:** $386.35

Krugerrand: $385.50-386.50 (£250.00-252.00)

Platinum: $403.80 (£261.60) **Silver:** $5.07 (£3.285) **Palladium:** $129.75 (£84.05)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for [illegible]	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5555-2.5639	2.5555-2.5580	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	46.979-47.130	46.979-47.025	12-8pr	32-25pr
Copenhagen	8.8028-8.8330	8.8028-8.8115	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	0.9588-0.9617	0.9594-0.9606	2ds-1pr	3ds-1pr
Frankfurt	2.2780-2.2860	2.2780-2.2806	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	234.38-235.31	234.39-234.69	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	193.90-194.91	193.90-194.10	24-34ds	73-90ds
Milan	2337.5-2351.3	2337.5-2341.4	5-7ds	16-19ds
Montreal	2.1180-2.1227	2.1192-2.1214	0.26-0.22pr	0.48-0.42pr
New York	1.5418-1.5445	1.5418-1.5425	0.057-0.037pr	0.075-0.045pr
Oslo	9.8311-9.8630	9.8311-9.8406	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	7.7375-7.7650	7.7375-7.7441	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	10.127-10.194	10.127-10.145	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	164.76-165.44	164.82-165.06	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	16.031-16.090	16.031-16.050	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	1.8548-1.8633	1.8548-1.8575	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel *Premium* pr. *Discount* ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2929-1.2938
Austria	10.40-10.41
Belgium (Com)	30.46-30.47
Canada	1.3755-1.3760
Denmark	5.7124-5.7144
France	5.0197-5.0297
Germany	1.4781-1.4786
Hong Kong	7.7353-7.7363
Ireland	1.6079-1.6089
Italy	1517.10-1516.20
Japan	107.09-107.16
Malaysia	2.4942-2.4952
Netherlands	1.6577-1.6582
Norway	[illegible]
Portugal	[illegible]
Singapore	1.4160-1.4170
Spain	125.80-125.90
Sweden	[illegible]
Switzerland	1.2045-1.2055

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	[illegible]
Australia dollar	[illegible]
Bahrain dinar	[illegible]
Brazil real*	[illegible]
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	[illegible]
Finland markka	[illegible]
Greece drachma	[illegible]
Hong Kong dollar	11.9418-11.9510
India rupee	[illegible]
Indonesia rupiah	[illegible]
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4575-0.4675
Malaysia ringgit	3.8505-3.8546
New Zealand dollar	2.2559-2.2597
Pakistan rupee	54.50 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5650-5.6000
Singapore dollar	[illegible]
S Africa rand (com)	[illegible]
U A E dirham	[illegible]

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	420	Marks Spr	2,400
ASDA Gp	6,300	NatWst Bk	4,500
Abbey Ntl	2,500	Nat Grid	4,500
Allied Dom	1,200	Nat Power	1,500
Argos	824	Next	[illegible]
AB Foods	597	Orange	4,100
BAA	4,000	P & O	6,500
BAT Inds	8,100	Pearson	1,100
BOC	1,700	Pilkington	5,200
BP	4,900	PowerGen	3,500
BSkyB	2,000	Prudential	2,400
BTR	8,500	RMC	502
BT	8,400	RTZ	1,600
Bk of Scot	6,500	Railtrack	6,900
Barclays	5,400	Rank Org	1,200
Bass	1,900	Reckitt Col	1,200
Blue Circle	2,200	Redland	945
Boots	1,000	Reed Intl	990
BAe	1,600	Rentokil	6,500
BA	1,000	Reuters	5,700
Brit Gas	4,200	Rolls Royce	3,300
Brit Steel	7,900	Royal & Sun	5,000
Burmah Cstl	94	Royal Bk Scr	3,000
Burton	3,100	Safeway	[illegible]
Cable Wire	2,000	Sainsbury	3,400
Cadbury	9,700	Schroders	400
Carlton Cms	1,300	Scot & New	1,200
Cm Union	1,400	Scot Power	3,000
Cookson	1,300	Svrn Trent	616
Courtaulds	1,200	Shell Trans	5,800
Dixons	3,700	Siebe	2,000
Enterpr Oil	130	Smkl Bch	6,600
GKN	1,100	Smith Nph	1,300
GRE	1,400	Smiths Inds	576
GUS	1,900	Sthern Elec	222
Gen Acc	2,400	Std Chartd	2,400
Gen Elec	4,700	TI Gp	1,800
Glaxo Well	5,800	Tate & Lyle	741
Granada	3,800	Tesco	6,500
Grand Met	7,000	Thames W	755
Guinness	6,400	Thrn EMI	1,800
HSBC	4,000	Tomkins	3,700
Hanson	17,400	Unilever	1,800
ICI	1,800	Utd Utilities	834
Kingfisher	2,600	Utd News	4,100
LASMO	2,000	Vodafone	12,100
Ladbroke	3,300	Whitbread	2,400
Land Secs	1,800	Wllms Hld	772
Legal & Gn	762	Wolseley	1,900
Lloyds TSB	11,200	Zeneca	2,000

WALL STREET

	Aug 2 midday	Aug 1 close
AMP Inc	40	38
AMR Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
ASA	[illegible]	[illegible]
AT & T	[illegible]	[illegible]
Abbott Labs	45	[illegible]

[illegible]

DEBT SPIRAL 30

Negative equity and job cuts hit the middle class

WEEKEND MONEY

PENSIONS SPLIT 33

How women will be affected after divorce

Insurer warns carpet-baggers

Caroline Merrell explains why speculators in life policies risk getting their fingers burnt

Norwich Union has warned investors against taking out policies solely to benefit from cash or share payouts should it decide to float on the stock market.

NU's warning follows speculation this week that it is looking to become a quoted company by spring or early summer next year. The mutual insurer spoke out in an attempt to stop speculators from taking out new policies in anticipation of a bumper payout. The trade in second-hand NU policies has been brisk for the past 12 months, as rumours of an impending flotation grew.

Some of the buyers of new policies are thought to be "carpet-baggers", the same opportunists who opened scores of share accounts with building societies in the hope of benefiting from a windfall payout when the society converted to being a quoted company.

Four societies — Halifax, Alliance & Leicester, Woolwich and Northern Rock — have already announced their intention to float and their savers and borrowers can expect hundreds of pounds in cash or shares.

However, NU emphasised the difference between buying a 25-year life policy and putting £100 into a society share account. A spokeswoman said: "We sell medium to long-term policies. It is not like a building society, where there are no penalties for switching accounts. Taking out a savings policy only to cash it in after a short time can mean severe surrender penalties."

NU said the majority of its business came from independent financial advisers, which made it difficult to judge how many people were carpet-bagging. However, dealers in the second-hand endowment contract market report increasing demand for NU policies.

Should NU float, other mutual insurers are likely to follow suit. The float would allow NU to raise fresh capital. Analysts estimate the company created could be worth between £3 and £4 billion.

Norwich Union's three million policyholders would benefit from cash paid in to their policies in the form of an extra bonus or they might get shares in the floated company.

There has been some speculation that the bonus could be worth up to £700 for each policyholder. However, this is by no means guaranteed. Unlike building society takeovers or flotations, Department of Trade and Industry regulations do not allow cash to be paid directly to policyholders. another factor which will weigh heavily against the speculators.

Taking out a savings policy only to cash it in after a short time can mean severe surrender penalties

The NU flotation would set a precedent for the rest of the mutual life insurance sector, in the same way that Abbey National's flotation did for the building society sector six years ago. When Abbey floated, the biggest building societies, including Halifax, National & Provincial, Alliance & Leicester and Woolwich, all repeatedly emphasised their commitment to mutual status. All are now floating or being taken over.

John Jenkins, a leading actuary with KPMG, believes that many life insurers are considering abandoning their mutual status either through merging or through flotation.

Those that will be most vulnerable will be companies which have low free-asset ratios. A lower than average ratio curtails the investment freedom of the company. Mutuals may also want to float because, like Norwich Union, they are looking at ways of raising capital to fund expansion in an increasingly competitive market dominated by large players.

Mr Jenkins said: "All the mutuals, with the exception of the strongest, must be looking at flotation. There are too many life insurance companies in the market."

Some rationalisation has already begun: Provident Mutual was taken over by General Accident last year and Clerical Medical is currently being taken over by Halifax.

Clerical Medical was a keen proponent of mutuality, but had to look for a buyer because of its falling free-asset ratio. It effectively put itself up for auction; there were five bidders, which indicates that there were four disappointed potential owners.

Policyholders earned an average of £1,000 extra bonus in the takeover. Provident Mutual policyholders got only £100 each.

Policyholders with some non-mutual companies may also be in for an unexpected bonus.

Prudential, Refuge and Britannic are all thought to be planning a redistribution of the surplus "orphan" assets in their life funds to shareholders and policyholders.

ADVERTISING ARCHIVES

Different world: many policies were taken out years ago when the old values of mutuality were much stronger

Checks to start on N&P accounts

Tomorrow will be the final reckoning day for National & Provincial's 1.4 million members. At midnight N&Ps computers will start checking savings and mortgage balances and calculating the size of bonus payouts before the takeover by Abbey National on Monday.

But N&P is bracing itself for a continuing flood of claims from members who believe they have been unjustly deprived of bonuses because they were given wrong information by branch staff or because of administrative errors.

The society's computers will be checking that, in the case of savings, an account is still open and contains a balance of at least £100, and that, in the case of a mortgage, it still exists.

Savers of less than two years' standing, and borrowers, will receive a fixed payout of £500 of Abbey National shares. Savers of more than two years' standing will get £750 plus a variable payout of 7 per cent of their account up to a maximum of £3,500.

Non-voting members under 18 or with less than £100 in their account will receive a statutory cash bonus of 9 per cent of their balance.

The society's information office can be reached on 0800 446600.

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Mutuals defend position

Friends Provident, Scottish Amicable, NPI and Scottish Life head the list of mutuals which have been suggested as candidates for demutualisation or are suspected takeover targets.

Friends Provident was in talks with the Prudential about a takeover, but is keen to maintain its independence. Michael Doerr, chief executive, said: "We have not sought to be acquired by anyone. We have been mutual for 170 years and although we cannot say we will always be mutual we do not see any reason at present to change. We believe in remaining independent."

He wants to acquire smaller rivals and concedes a merger with another mutual is possible.

Scottish Amicable is considering all options for its future — which could include a float — while NPI is believed to have considered merging with Clerical Medical.

The latter has now been taken over by the Halifax, which leaves NPI looking for another partner. Even the UK's biggest mutuals which include Standard Life, Scottish Widows and Equitable Life, may have to consider demutualisation — although all three pledge undying commitment to mutuality. A spokesman for Scottish Widows said: "Companies that float are trying to raise initial capital in the marketplace. We are one of the best in terms of financial strength." Widows' mutuality did not stop it competing effectively with proprietary companies, he added. "We are in the process of cutting our costs by up to one third to be more competitive," he said.

Standard Life, Europe's biggest mutual life insurer with £200 billion assets, is vehemently pro-mutual. Iain Lumsden, group finance director, said: "We have no plans to change our status. We have managed to outperform many of the proprietary companies and see no reason why we cannot continue to do so."

Equitable Life said: "We have no plans to change from being a mutual." Equitable Life manages about £16.6 billion on behalf of 500,000 policyholders. Some believe the Co-operative Insurance Society will float but it denies this. "We have absolutely no plans to demutualise," it said. A spokesman said: "We are dismayed by the idea of demutualisation. It means giving up the profits built up by previous generations of policyholders."

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Reporting in brief

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Fans of summary financial statements are on the warpath. They want to recruit more companies to foist this curiosity of privatisation on small investors in lieu of annual accounts. Surprisingly, shareholders may in the end benefit from the attempt.

In 1990, the Government allowed companies to offer shareholders only a summary balance sheet, profit and loss account and abbreviated directors report. It aimed to help out privatised companies landed with huge registers of tiny shareholdings. The summary financial statement (SFS) was touted as a better, simpler way to communicate, but was motivated chiefly by a desire to save money. It has not been a huge success.

Those who adopted summary financial statements claim they are extremely popular, with 90 per cent of investors choosing them. In reality, summary accounts were usually subject to a passive selling exercise so the figures mean only that few investors send in a form demanding a full annual report.

Little more than 30 companies have taken up the option, including only 15 that were not privatised in mass sales. Many boards reckoned that having to produce two glossy sets of accounts was a hassle and unlikely to cut costs. Others dislike the idea of treating small shareholders as second-class citizens.

Last week, however, the Institute of Chartered Accountants launched a campaign to make SFSs more popular. Much of the debate is still about saving money, now that the Government has made passive selling even easier. SFSs are reckoned to be cost effective for scores of companies with more than 60,000 shareholders. But there is also a strong positive element.

David Allvey, chairman of the working party responsible, is a genuine enthusiast. He is finance director of BAT Industries, whose accounts are made long and complex by being part manufacturer, part insurance company. BAT and former subsidiaries Argos and Arjo Wiggins Appleton make up three of the 15 mainstream issuers. His report suggests how the SFS formula can be used to make a report that interested investors can understand and is far superior to the statutory minimum.

If the summary becomes central to the "main" annual report, statutory accounts with all the trimmings can be relegated to a separate super-dry volume for those who want or need it. In America, much tedious repetitive detail is confined to statutory filings.

Using the lax government formula to experiment can be healthy. Sooner rather than later, rules need to be laid down for better SRFs if they are to become a major conduit for companies to report to private shareholders.

The Accounting Standards Board should give priority to devising a simpler set of accounts good enough to give shareholders a true and fair view. The SFS will certainly need to be updated to take account of the board's reforms. It should include a five-year record, simple cashflow statement, earnings and cashflow per share and other simple ratios that any professional can put up on a personal computer.

A single paragraph should tell investors whether the company complies fully with accounting standards, Cadbury, Greenbury and like codes, making departures stick out. A similarly brief but more meaningful report from auditors would be welcome. And matters of controversy among ordinary investors, such as board pay or contracts in which directors have an interest, should be covered in large print.

Accepted ways are needed to present SFSs too. Tabloid newspapers may be fun; A4 magazine-size booklets are easier to file in one's desk. As Mr Allvey's report suggests, "simplified" reports are already growing fat with self-justifying verbiage. A voluntary limit on the number of pages needed to get the board's message across would be a boon. If the board needs four pages to justify an executive bonus scheme, it should abandon it. The extra space could then be devoted to welcome special offers for shareholders.

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Jody Brettkelly explains why people who have never before been in the red are now suddenly having to struggle with debt problems

Debt worries haunt the middle class

Debt is a dirty word, conjuring up images of bailiffs and grinding poverty, yet an increasing number of middle-class families are now struggling to escape it.

Battered by negative equity, huge job cuts and rising prices, one in seven *British families have fallen into debt.*

National Debtline, the counselling service, has reported a 60 per cent rise in calls in the last six months and in cities such as Bradford more than one in six households have County Court judgments (CCJ) outstanding.

Many people try to sort out their financial problems by taking out "just one extra loan", but that often leads to court action and mounting bank charges. To make matters worse, tax burdens weigh heavily on families. A report published this week has found that you have to choose between a decent standard of living or having children — a man with two children is only £4.97 a week better off than a bachelor, in spite of the married man's £1,790 tax allowance.

But the biggest problem is easy credit. Offers of quick loans, cheap loans, pay-later loans, credit cards, store cards and catalogues abound.

Most people get into debt, not because they buy a luxury yacht or a huge home but because they take out loans for everyday living. People who have never before been in the red are now struggling with debt problems. Frances Walker, of the Consumer Credit Counselling Service, the advice agency, said: "It's usually triggered by an event: some have had working hours cut, an unexpected pregnancy or have been made redundant."

Sophie Brookes-Hinds of National Debtline added: "The problems don't end when people find a job, after that they are *forever playing catch-up.*" Faced with a serious financial problem, many people bury their heads in the sand, refusing to answer the phone or open letters. But denying debts is the worst thing you can do. Many people end up with a CCJ against them because they are afraid to go to court. If they go and offer to pay even a *small amount per month,* they can avoid a CCJ.

Kathie Clark of the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) said: "Lots of people don't admit the extent of the problem. That contributes to their worries by making them stressed." A free debt counsellor in one of the many organisations in the UK will not judge you. They will help to draw up a list of your debts, look at whether you are missing out on tax allowances, housing benefits, family credit payments and council tax rebates. They will write to creditors for you, ask them to freeze interest and even sometimes reduce the debt before setting up a payment schedule.

Ms Clark said most creditors are understanding if they know about your plight: "They want to see you are making an effort." A last resort is bankruptcy. It is now easier to declare *yourself bankrupt* and costs £276 or £46 if you are on benefits. But remember that though bankruptcy wipes the debt slate clean and may be a solution if your debts are overwhelming, credit agencies will keep a note of it for 15 years. This will hinder your chances at starting up a business or getting credit again.

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Interest and fees on Pat and Peter Moore's £31,000 debt swelled it to £55,000 in five years

Bank loan blights family

Pat and Peter Moore saw their combined overdrafts of £31,000 rise to £55,000 through bank charges and interest. The debt has affected the health of the couple, who live in Camberley, Surrey, and nearly *swallowed their home.*

In 1990 Peter Moore, 62, had personal and business overdrafts totalling £17,000 with Barclays after his business supplying fresh fruit juice to airlines closed down. In addition he and his wife had a joint personal overdraft of £3,000.

In 1991 the total overdraft was £31,000 after the bank combined all their overdrafts, about which Mr Moore was very unhappy. The overdraft rose steadily and he tried to settle. A year ago Mr Moore, now a postal clerk, realised the total loan was secured on his home because of a document signed previously which said all loans would be secured on the house. A week ago the bank threatened *to take possession of their* £125,000 detached home which has only a £16,000 mortgage.

The Moores' daughters came to the rescue so they could remortgage and pay off the debt. Janice, 30, a nanny, put in the £15,000 she and her boyfriend had saved in the last six years and took out a personal loan of £10,000.

Mr Moore said: "Only the sanity and discipline of working has saved us. Things have been so bleak and desperate."

They are now seeking help from Safe (Struggle Against Financial Exploitation, *0171 636 6601*), a pressure group.

Barclays said: "We wrote to Mr Moore every month letting him know what the situation was. *We were constantly in* touch and in 1993 we offered to settle for less than the debt. The interest rate was always fair. We waited a year after the court case before issuing proceedings for possession of the house. If people find themselves in this situation they must contact the bank as early as possible and try to reach a solution which is acceptable to both parties. We always try to take the customer's circumstances into account."

ARE YOU ON A COMPANY'S CREDIT BLACKLIST?

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Couple's troubles doubled by conman

When Sandra Ward and Paul Clarke met six years ago they were both living the good life with no money worries. Neither imagined they would be struggling with a debt of £15,000 and court action.

Problems started for the Huddersfield couple in 1993 when Sandra's ex-husband stopped paying maintenance for their two daughters, now *aged 11 and 14.*

The payments — £250 a month — represented a fifth of their income at the time because Paul had decided to wind up his electronic engineering business, a procedure that cost more than he thought.

They had agreed that Sandra, a secretary, would take a two-year HND in computing at university for which she received a grant of £200 a month.

*The mortgage for their four-*bedroom home was £500 a month including a home improvement loan. Their debts rose to £15,000 including £4,000 on two credit cards.

Sandra, 43, said: "The hardest thing was to admit it. Just dealing with the constant letters was exhausting." After considering several debt agencies they consulted a man who advertised in their local paper.

They agreed he would pick up a cheque for £350 once a month and distribute it to their creditors after he had taken a fee of 10 per cent. But three months later they could not contact him and no-one had been paid.

They were unable to recover the £1,050 they paid him and, because of the delay, Paul received two CCJs. As a result, he has been unable to get a cheque account from a bank and has found it difficult to get a mortgage.

Over the last three years they have got their debt down to £3,000 but Sandra says she still gets nasty calls that reduce her to tears. On one of the store cards they have paid *£900 on a £600 debt and still* have £200 to pay.

Both are now working and earn £32,000 gross per year. They sold their home but just broke even. Mr Clarke said: "I see the future as rosy now, but it's been a long hard struggle."

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Sandra Ward and Paul Clarke had to sell their home

DOUG MARKE

Light at the end of the debt tunnel: Kim Lieversley and Jason Gilder sought professional help

Credit counsellor eased blues after a new baby

Kim Lieversley and Jason Gilder were delighted when their daughter Charlotte was born. They had both worked overtime to save £1,000 to make sure they didn't have to borrow money for Charlotte's layette. Kim, 37, a sales assistant, planned to take three months off work.

But in spite of their nest egg, *the Nottingham couple* fell into debt. Jason, 31, was bringing home £750 a month from his maintenance job in a supermarket. Out of that they had to pay the mortgage of £224 a month on their one-bedroom house, £150 a month on the loan for their Ford Escort car, food and clothing and school uniform for Rebecca, Kim's eight-year-old daughter.

"I just don't know where it all went" said Jason. "We weren't being extravagant, this was just everyday living. When the car broke down it was disaster."

He took out a £1,500 loan from his union and his overdraft crept up to close to £845 a month. The bank sent them ten letters about their overdraft or informing them of a bounced cheque. Each letter *cost them a further* £25.

For several months Jason kept their money problems from Kim: "She had just had the baby, everyone was happy. I didn't want to ruin things."

He says now that was the worst thing he could have done. "I didn't want to open the mail, or answer the phone. I just got very grumpy and tired. Kim would try and find out what was wrong and I would storm out." On the advice of their bank, three months ago they put themselves in the hands of the Credit Counselling Service, an organisation set up by financial institutions that negotiates with creditors and takes a fee from the creditors of 15 per cent of the debt.

Among other things, Kim and Jason swapped their Switch card for just a hole in *the wall card and cut their* food bill by £150 a month to £30 a week. The CCS has handled all problems including a letter from the car company threatening to take them to court and a letter from Norweb when they were not able to pay the £300 on their new washing machine.

Mr Gilder said: "We both feel a lot better. Of course it's very hard, we never go out, but there is light at the end of the tunnel."

HOW TO AVOID DEBT

- You want more credit. Can you afford it if you lose your job or have a baby?
- Take out payment protection for all loans in case of redundancy or sickness.
- Use credit and store cards less often.
- Do not take out any loans that are secured on your house.
- Pay as many bills as possible with standing orders or direct debits.
- Find out when your monthly mortgage payment is credited: it could be annually.
- Don't start ambitious savings plans before you clear your high interest debts.
- Avoid buying by catalogue.

ESCAPE THE DEBT TRAP

- Compare your spending and income. You must be totally truthful with yourself.
- Don't take out one big loan to pay off all your other debts.
- Set a budget with a counsellor's help.
- Get the counsellor to look at both your current tax code and your tax allowances.
- Pay mortgage and debts that could lead to a prison term.
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Financial step forward for ballet

Changes in tax allowances have brought relief to dancers on low wages, says **Jody Brettkelly**

As Sally Gunnell's collapse on the Olympic track in Atlanta has shown, athletes who make constant demands on their ankles, feet and legs *are prone* to recurring injuries.

Royal Ballet dancers have similar problems. The relentless stresses on their toe and knee joints mean that they are forced to spend up to £4,000 every year on massage and osteopathic treatment as well as spending large sums on rehearsal gear, taxis and stage make-up.

The expenses make a huge dent in their take-home wages of around £800 a month and for two years the 150 dancers in the Birmingham Royal Ballet and the Royal Ballet in Covent Garden, London, have campaigned to be able to make work-related expenses tax-deductible.

Now the Inland Revenue is allowing the dancers to backdate their new tax allowance to 1990 which will amount to a potential tax refund of up to £1,000 for each dancer.

In March *this year* the Inland Revenue agreed to allow £860 worth of expenses a year for dancers.

It has agreed to raise the allowance and is permitting allowances to be backdated six years. The dancers are obviously delighted with the move, and say it will make a large difference to their budgets.

Lee Fisher, a dancer with the Birmingham Royal Ballet, says: "Our jobs are a labour of love because we are not paid that much. Our expenses really ate into the money we earned and it's nice to have *that recognised by the Inland* Revenue."

Their accountant, who spearheaded the campaign, Chris Ellard of Neville-Ellard, the Surrey firm, says: "This is not a tax rebate for the elite. Just *remember how little these* people are paid."

The dancers' problems started six years ago when the Revenue ruled that dancers and actors could *no longer be classed as self*-employed and had to be taxed under pay-as-you-earn rules. This meant they could not claim expenses.

A group of actors led by Alec MaGowan and Sam West *took this ruling to court. As a* result, some actors were allowed to retain their self-employed status. However the court ruling did not apply to ballet dancers.

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Foot scored: Karina Hernandez, one of the Birmingham Royal Ballet artistes who have won a test case for tax relief

ADRIAN SHERRAT

As the housing market picks up, home loans are changing

Recovery inspires lenders to end special mortgage deals

Lenders are reducing cashbacks, discounts and other special mortgage deals, particularly remortgaging, in a bid to restore the market to "normal" as signs of recovery continue.

The Halifax Building Society and Abbey National, the two largest lenders, announced this week they were cutting cashback offers to borrowers remortgaging. Abbey is also planning to cut down *on fixed-rate and discount offers. It is* calling on others to follow its lead and move back towards simple variable rate loans as buyers return to the market.

During the housing slump, lenders desperately tried to tempt buyers back with offers of discounts, free legal fees and *valuations* and *cash* payments or cashbacks sometimes reaching into thousands of pounds. Borrowers who did not want to move were offered special incentives to remortgage and lenders shamelessly poached customers from their rivals. Often the deals on offer were loss-making for lenders. Now they are calling a halt.

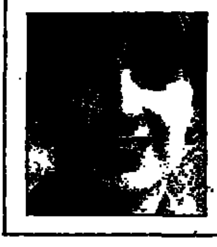
From September, Abbey borrowers with deposits of more than 25 per cent will qualify for a cashback of just 2 per cent of the loan, instead of the current 5 per cent, while those with deposits of between 5 per cent and 25 per cent will get 1 per cent. People moving house will continue to get a 5 per cent cashback.

Charles Toner, managing director of Abbey National's retail division said: "All the indications are that the housing market is getting better, more people are moving home, confidence is returning and property prices are steady or rising ... We would like to see the very high levels of discounting and cashbacks reduced and a return to fairer pricing for all borrowers". The Abbey would in future direct any special deals towards buyers moving house not remortgaging, said Mr Toner.

Cashbacks and discounts cost Abbey £200 million last year. The C&G, now part of Lloyds Bank, announced similar reductions in cashbacks last month for both mortgages and remortgages. The Halifax, which this week revealed a rise in house prices for July, has reduced its base mortgage rate by 0.25 per cent to 7.74 per cent and is cutting cashbacks. Mike Blackburn, chief executive, said this was to allow existing borrowers to benefit *from* lower rates. Last *year* Halifax withdrew cashbacks but was forced to restore them to compete.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders said remortgages already accounted for a smaller proportion of new business than at the end of last year, when 27 per cent of loans were for remortgaging. Peter Williams of the CML said: "The market is ever more exhausted and customers are aware that there are special deals but there are catches."

SARA MCCONNELL



MARIANNE CURPHEY

Personal Finance Deputy Editor

Reality returns to the mortgage merry-go-round

There is no such thing as a free lunch — unless of course you are a mortgage customer. Over the past few years thousands of homeowners have been dining out handsomely at the expense of banks and building societies, which, desperate for their business in the depths of a housing market slump, have been offering up to £9,000 in cashback mortgages. These customers have not even needed to move home to enjoy the goods — they have needed only to threaten their lender that they intended to leave, and held out their hand for the readies. First-time buyers have had an even *better deal, being able to pick and choose discounts and cash* incentives and play one society off against another.

So it was with a barely-concealed sigh of relief this week that leading building societies announced they were reducing the number of such mortgages on offer. The housing market was looking perky, they said, and it was time to pass on benefits to the members, rather than to try to poach *customers from rivals. On the pretext of wanting to* return to a "normal" housing and mortgage market, the bigger lenders can now save millions of pounds by offering ordinary variable rates without looking mean.

Their thrift will also please the Bank of England, which has called on lenders to be more vigilant in enforcing credit standards. It is concerned that with too many mortgage providers chasing a finite amount of business, lenders might start accepting unsuitable borrowers.

The Bank has a long memory and can recall the problems of the 1980s, when in the heady days of the housing boom, some lenders adopted a laissez-faire attitude to credit-checking. Now demand for mortgages is rising, competition is fierce, and banks and building societies have millions of pounds sloshing around in their reserves that they want to lend. Very little money is flowing out because savers want to stick around lest they lose the chance of a windfall bonus.

We are at that cross-roads once again, when lenders have to choose between making a quick profit in the short-term by accepting anyone and everyone who wants to borrow money, and suffering later, or carefully selecting good long-term customers. Let's hope the industry shows a little more collective restraint than it did first time around.

A sell-off too far

The novice investors who bought into the Kleinwort Benson European Privatisation Investment Trust (Kepit) have learnt the hard way that the stock market can be both capricious and cruel. Many were Sids — the archetypal small shareholder who enjoyed the healthy returns that the first tranche of privatisation shares provided. Here was a trust, it seemed, where riches were guaranteed. It was not to be: the Kepit flotation in 1994 *pulled in a record £800 million, but shares have consistently* traded below the 100p launch price.

The net asset value, the underlying worth of the fund, has risen to just under 103p, a pitiful rise in two and a half years. Kepit's managers proposed to buy back more than half the shares in an attempt to match supply more closely to demand. But an ailing trust is never safe from predators, and a rival trust, TR European Growth Trust (Treg) pounced with a proposal to liquidate Kepit. Kepit's managers yesterday improved the proposal — offering to turn Kepit into a unit trust to try to eliminate the discount. Other predators are likely to be waiting in the wings. Kepit shareholders should sit tight and see what else is offered.

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Karen Zagor on prospects for an oil giant sold little by little

BP running smoothly after a rocky road

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Finding oil is no problem, but keeping it is, as Faye Dunaway found in *Oklahoma Crude*

Until the recent British Energy share furore, British Petroleum had the dubious distinction of being the only big privatisation stock to sink below its issue price in the first days of trading.

BP's black day came in October 1987, when the fourth and biggest tranche of its share *issue coincided with one of the* most dramatic stock market crashes of the century. Now, however, with the shares healthily out-performing the FT-SE All-share index, there is little reason for investors to be fearful when the company reports mid-year earnings on Tuesday. BP has recently met or exceeded its performance targets, and the trend is expected to continue. Shareholders will be looking for further increases in the dividend, yet to catch up with the company's financial recovery.

How have the shares fared?

Investors paid the equivalent of 70.4p when the first tranche of BP shares was sold in 1977. The second slice, in 1979, sold at 121p, and the third, in 1983, for 145p. They have all done well. It was the final sale, priced at 330p at the height of the Thatcher privatisation binge in 1987, that suffered most from the stock market crash. It took the shares almost three years to climb back to above their offer level.

The shares stumbled again in 1992, when a boardroom putsch led to the resignation of Robert Horton (now chairman of Railtrack) as chairman and chief executive. As institutional investors piled out of the company, the shares sank to 185p. In May this year, they hit a high of 592p. Since then, they have maintained respectable, if lower, levels. At about 586p, all privatisation investors will have *made a decent profit.*

Why were BP shares sold in so many stages?

BP has actually always been a quoted company, but, at one time, the Government held a big stake. The initial share sale, under a Labour Government, was not a Tory-style privatisation but the sale of a fraction of the shares to raise some money for the Government. The next two sales were similar, and it was not until 1987 that a sizeable chunk of shares was marketed to the public.

The final sale set the scene for BP's problems in subsequent years. Because of the market crash, very few private investors bought the shares. Instead, the Kuwaiti Government took the opportunity to buy a big stake — about 20 per cent. Because of potential political ramifications, BP was later obliged to buy back about 10 per cent of the shares.

How high are the dividends?

During the dark days of the early Nineties, BP's dividend was halved and then frozen in 1992. May 1994 saw the first dividend rise since the last quarter of *1990*. In August 1995, the company announced a 33 per cent dividend rise. The company has said that dividends will rise to the equivalent of half the underlying earnings.

What is expected of BP?

During the Eighties, the North Sea oil bonanza encouraged BP to spend extravagantly. The company expanded too far afield as it shifted its focus from oil and gas to resources, and, in the process, acquired too much debt. The borrowing burden of buying back its shares also contributed to BP's woes.

The company has come far since 1992. Its productivity has risen dramatically, helping it to meet its financial targets. BP is once again concentrating on its core oil, gas and petrochemicals operations. Proceeds from selling *non-core* assets have reduced debt. A sustained debt-cutting programme has helped the balance sheet — debt carries high interest rates, so the lower the debt, the lower the interest payment burden. Profits have also been helped by firmer oil prices. The recent announcement of a novel alliance between BP and Mobil, now awaiting EU approval, should also help the company cut costs and compete more aggressively.

BP plans to increase its income by $1.5 billion to $4.5 billion a year by the end of the century. Earnings growth is projected at 8 per cent a year, with capital spending rising by 4 per cent a year. Analysts expect BP to meet its targets, both because of its renewed strength and because it has used realistic prices, margins and inflation forecasts to set its targets.

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The dramatic announcement is being seen in the City as a last-minute bid to prevent Treg liquidating the whole trust. Kepit managers said yesterday they were seeking an adjournment of the extraordinary general meeting scheduled for Tuesday, at which shareholders were being asked to vote on Kepit's earlier proposal to buy back 60 per cent of its own shares.

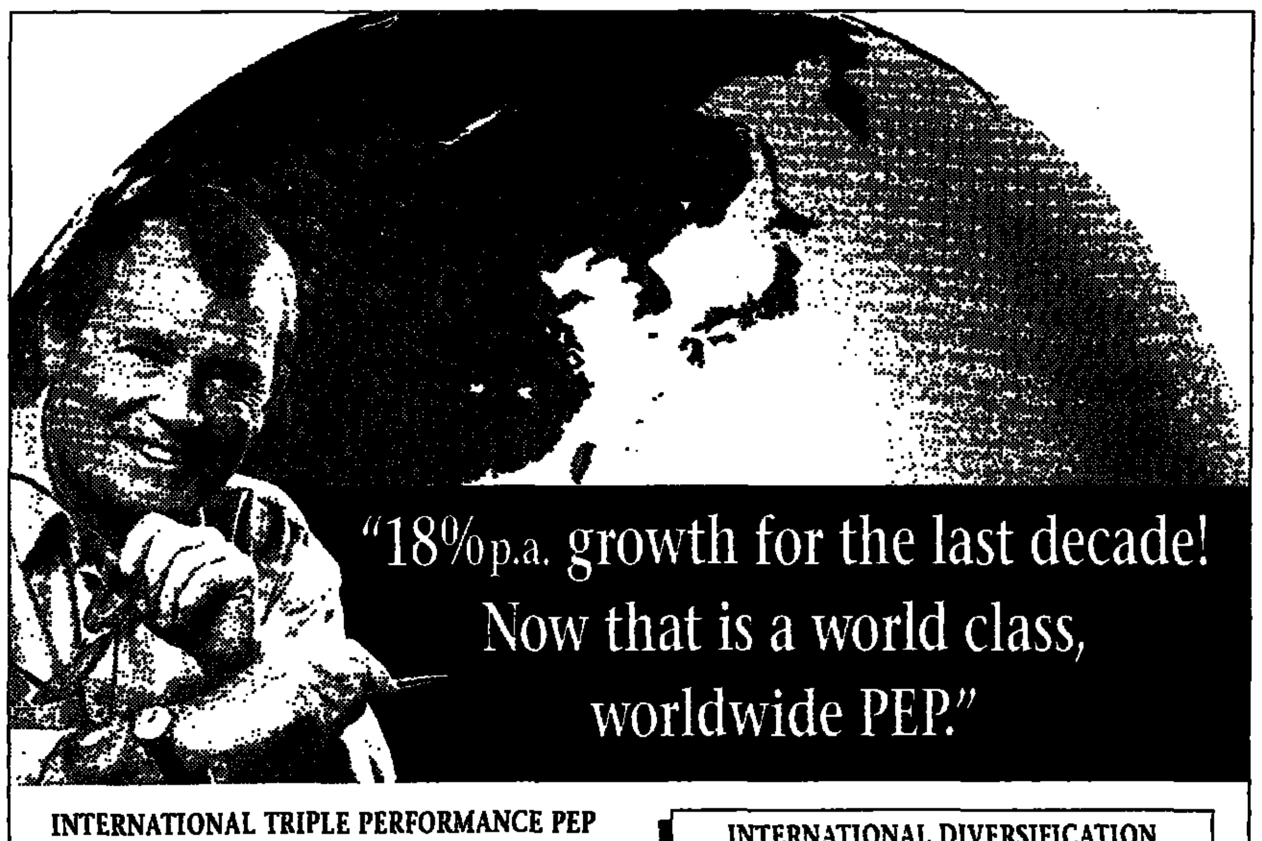
Both of the Kepit proposals aim to narrow the difference between the value of the trust, known as the net asset value (NAV) and the price at which the shares have been trading.

Since the launch of the trust, they have consistently traded below the NAV, ie, at a discount. The 77,000 Kepit shareholders now have to choose between the new offer from Kepit, Treg, or perhaps another City fund manager who wants to liquidate the trust and who may make a bid within the next week. Analysts believe Treg's offer will flush out rival bidders who find the prospect of getting their hands on the Kepit funds extremely attractive.

The Kepit flotation in 1994 pulled in a record £800 million from investors who were buoyed up by successful UK privatisations and hoped for similar rich pickings in Europe. The result was a disappointment — European privatisations never offered the easy UK-style profits. The shares are currently priced at about 92½p after rising slightly on the announcement.

Treg is offering roughly 93.86p per Kepit share in cash and 28.16p per warrant, although the final offer depends on market price and expenses on the day the bid is completed. Treg has conceded that Kepit's shareholders have to accept the offer without knowing exactly what they will get for their shares. At July 29 Kepit's NAV was 102.9p. Treg is offering the equivalent of a NAV of 94.6p.

MARIANNE CURPHEY



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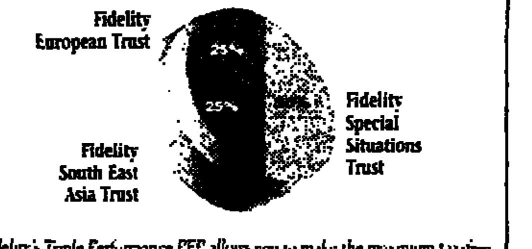

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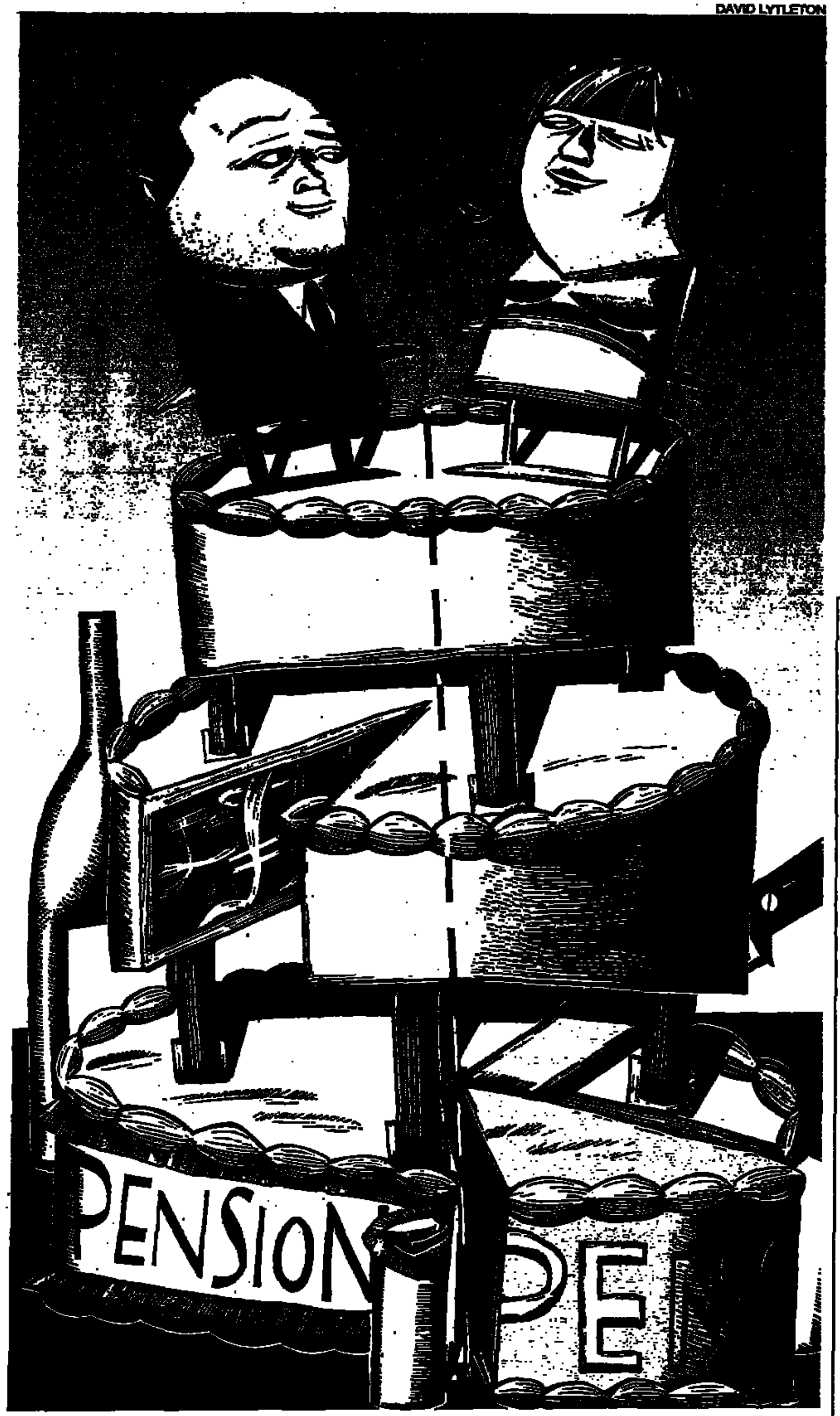
Women on the verge of a pensions breakthrough

Pensions may be shared on divorce, if plans become law, says **Sara McConnell**



DAVID LYTLETON

Divorced women will for the first time be able to insist on an immediate share of their former husband's pension as part of a divorce settlement if government proposals published this week become law.

But they will not necessarily be able to take the pension and invest it for their own retirement. Some will have to leave the money invested in their former husband's scheme even after the divorce is final.

They will also have to wait at least four years before any changes to present rules are implemented because the Government's computer systems will have to be upgraded to handle new records. So what has the Government proposed and how will it affect you if you are getting divorced? Here are some answers.

Q Will men be able to get a share of their former wife's pension if she is the one with the larger pension?

A Yes, the proposals will apply equally to both sexes. But more women than men find themselves without pension provision when they divorce, either because they have stayed at home to bring up a family or because they worked in part-time or low-paid jobs which excluded them from company schemes and were not enough to build up a personal pension. It was concern for the plight of women in this position that finally resulted in these proposals to split pensions.

Q Why haven't pensions ever been split before?

A Divorce courts have never had the power to order an actual split of the pension. They can and do take pensions into account when working out divorce settlements but the value of the pension is normally set against other assets like the family home. The problem with this is that many women in particular who have been counting on their husband's pension find themselves with little or no retirement income.

Q So if I divorce in future, will I *definitely* get a share of my ex-spouse's pension rights?

A This is the intention. But unfortunately it is not as simple as just taking a pension and splitting it down the middle. It has to be valued. Then it is a matter of what happens to it after it has been split. Under the Government's proposals, this will depend on what sort of scheme the money is in before the divorce.

If your former spouse works for a private-sector employer that invests pension contributions for its employees, you may be able to transfer your share out of the scheme, if the employer agrees. If it refuses, you must leave your share frozen in the scheme. You will not be able to add to it because you are not an employee. Instead you could find yourself in a specially created "divorced spouse" category of membership. It is not yet clear what rights, if any, you would have. Again, it is up to the employer to decide if it wants to insist on this rather than allowing you to transfer.

You will almost certainly have to leave your share in the scheme if your former spouse works in the public sector or as a civil servant. The Government is adamant that it would cost taxpayers too much to allow transfers of funds out of these schemes. This is because contributions are not invested but go immediately to pay benefits for today's pensioners.

Q But isn't this a bit unfair, not having a choice?

A It is difficult to judge because no-one knows how the new membership category for the divorced will work. You may actually benefit from remaining within a public-sector scheme as these are some of the most generous.

Q What would I do with the money if I were allowed to transfer?

A If you are a member of another occupational scheme in your own right you could try transferring your share to your own pension. Alternatively you could transfer it to a personal pension, or start a personal pension with the money.

If you are not earning, you cannot contribute to a pension, but you could use the money to buy a deferred annuity, which will pay you a regular guaranteed income when you retire.

If you are working but are not allowed to transfer, you can still continue to contribute to your own pension while leaving your share of your divorced spouse's pension frozen, as long as you do not exceed Inland Revenue limits on contributions or benefits.

Q So when is all this going to happen?

A Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish, the junior Social Security Minister, said this week it will be at least four years before anything happens, even if the proposals turn into legislation next year.

Q *What happens if I divorce in the meantime?*

A You will be able to get a share of the pension rights but they will not be split on divorce. Instead a share will be "earmarked" for you. If your former spouse dies before you, you will get nothing as the pension dies too.

Unfortunately you will not be able to swap to a proper pension-splitting arrangement if the new rules come in while your divorce is going through.

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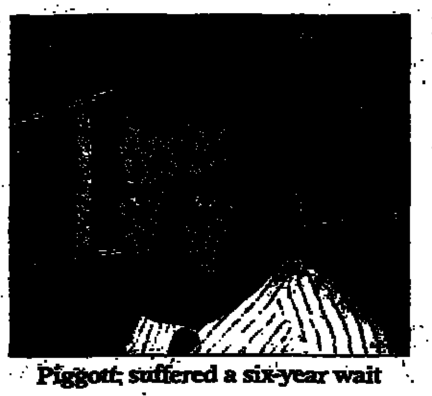
Century Life censured for delay

Tens of thousands of pension scheme members who have already been waiting more than two years for their benefits learnt this week that most of them face a further wait until at least the end of next year and in some cases possibly the end of the century.

The 79,000 members are in 4,900 schemes, many of which are being wound up after the collapse of small employers. But concern is growing over continuing administrative delays and refusal of some of the trustees of schemes to co-operate in the winding up process so that transfer values can be calculated. *The Times* has repeatedly focused on the plight of the members over the past two years.

The scheme members' cause is being championed by Julian Farrand, the Pensions Ombudsman. In his annual report published this week, he reserved harsh criticism for Century Life, which manages the pension funds after taking them over from Crown Life three years ago. "After over two years work the progress reported by Century to date can be seen in the eyes of many scheme members as extremely disappointing," he said.

Dr Farrand forecast that Century would not achieve its goal of sorting out the majority of cases by the end of 1997 and said: "Based on progress over the last two years, I believe that some hundreds if not thousands of members might not be able to access their benefits until the end of the decade". Dr Farrand made clear he was now prepared to investigate individual complaints from members of Century schemes. Previously he and Michael Platt, his predecessor, were told that doing this would create more delays but Dr Farrand has now lost patience. He is investigating a dozen individual complaints, mostly against former employers or trustees but one against Century.


Piggott: suffered a six-year wait

Century angrily refuted Dr Farrand's claims. John Deane, Century's client services manager, said: "The report misses the point. It takes lots of people to wind up a scheme. Up to 700 of the schemes had no trustee and Century has applied to the courts to get trustees appointed." Mr Deane said Century had no control over the timing or nature of information given to it by trustees but could not act without trustees' co-operation. Century says it has already calculated benefits for 50 per cent of the schemes and is confident of being able to resolve the vast majority by the end of next year.

Bruce Piggott and his 55 fellow scheme members have already been waiting five years for their pension benefits, after Stag Microsystems, their employer, went into receivership in 1991. Mr Piggott, who was made redundant in 1990, has been waiting six years. Stag's pension was managed by Crown and the assets are now in the hands of Century. Mr Piggott estimates that his own share of the £480,000 fund is about £9,000 plus interest. For the last three and a half years he has been waging a non-stop campaign to force the trustees to calculate benefits so that Century can pay them out.

Now, on the sixth anniversary of Mr Piggott's redundancy, there is finally the prospect of a payout. Bradstocks, independent trustees for the Stag pension fund, told *The Times* it should have finalised calculations for payouts by the end of this month. Terry Williams of Bradstocks blamed the delay on European legislation on equalisation of retirement benefits for men and women.

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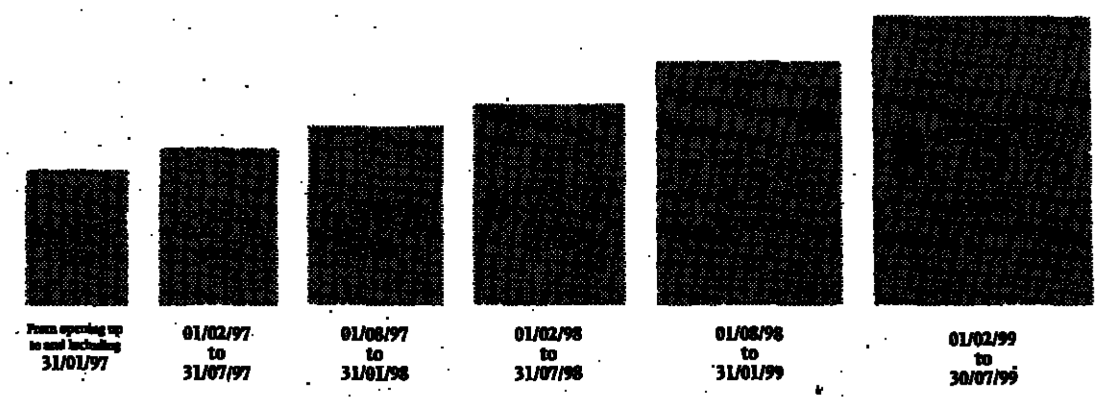

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Some fund managers consistently *underperform* the very indices they are trying to beat. Others underperform some of the time and outperform the rest of the time, while only a tiny proportion manage to achieve above-index returns all the time.

The fact that so many fund managers fail even to keep up *with the competing index* may lead investors to ponder what the fund managers are doing to earn the annual management charge of typically between 1 and 2 per cent. The only consolation is that on a rolling average over most time periods, investing in shares of companies in the FT-SE All-Share index will produce much better returns than building societies.

According to research carried out on behalf of Virgin Direct — one the leading advocates of index-tracking funds — the number of fund managers who manage to outperform the index has fallen over the past few years.

This has led to the proliferation of funds which track the index itself. Further research carried out on behalf of HSBC, which has a range of funds which track different indices around the world, shows that 85 per cent of UK fund managers *underperform* the market. HSBC, Gartmore, Direct Line, and L&G offer index-tracking funds, which will buy the shares in the companies *that comprise the index.*

One of the biggest advantages of index trackers is that they are cheap. Many carry no or a very low initial charges, and low annual management charges. For instance, both Fidelity and L&G offer trackers *with annual management* charge of 0.5 per cent. One of the disadvantages for income seekers investing via an index-tracking Pep is that the index *will traditionally* yield less than a high-income unit trust.

One further disadvantage of trackers is that they are forced to buy the shares of companies, even when the company is clearly in trouble — Polly Peck would be one example of this. The last 15 months show both advantages and disadvantages of index tracking. In the 12 months to March, index trackers tended towards the top of the performance tables, *while in the last three months,* their performance has fallen off, in the wake of volatility in the UK market triggered by falls on Wall Street.

Most financial advisers agree that index trackers do have a role in investors' portfolios, but point out that they would be wrong to rely only on index tracking *for investment* needs. For instance, the top performing unit trust over the past 12 months has been the Framlington Health Fund — a sum of £100 invested a year ago would now be worth £176 including charges, while £100 invested in Kleinwort Benson's UK tracking fund would be worth about £118. The former fund is almost 100 per cent invested in American technology and pharmaceutical companies — two of the best performing sectors over the last 12 months.

Framlington Health Fund is also one of the *top performing funds* over five years — £100 invested five years ago would now be worth £319. Alan Gadd, HSBC managing director, said that *investors should only consider* investing in index funds in the more mature markets of the world such as the US and the UK. "About 85 per cent of fund managers underperform the market in the UK, compared with Europe where only about 50 per cent of fund managers underperform."

Mr Gadd pointed out, for example, that buying an index-tracking fund which invested in the Japanese market could automatically result in under performance. The Japanese index is heavily weighted towards the financial companies including the banks and insurance companies.

It is this sector that has been hit the most by the country's five-year recession. The funds that have most outperformed *the index are those with a* small exposure to financial companies.

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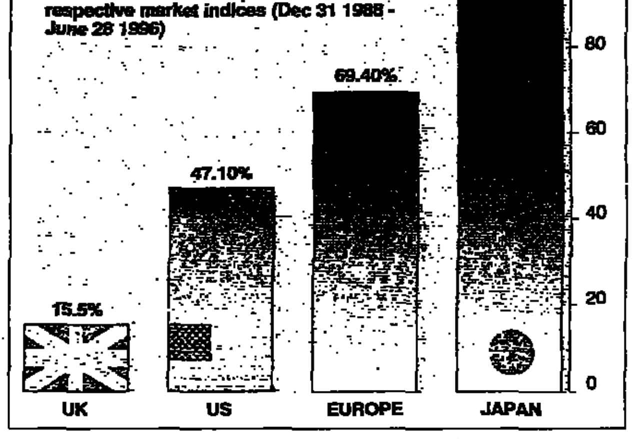

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How share ownership risks compare in America and the UK

Sids are out of their depth

ANGUS MEWSE

After seeing the value of their shares in British Energy drop by 10 per cent in the first hours of trading, small investors have been given a hard reminder of the vagaries of the stock market.

The shares climbed this week to about 100p, equivalent to the original offer price, but way short of the gains investors had hoped for. While privatisations have come to the UK market at regular intervals, *the number of people actually* holding shares has declined. The peak of share ownership was in 1991, when 11 million people were shareholders; now there are nine million.

Justin Urquhart Stewart, director of Barclays Stockbrokers, believes British Energy was a turning point. "British Energy and Railtrack were not the sort of issue that Sid, the archetypal small investor, should *have gone for. The market* is polarising: Sids are returning to building societies, leaving equities to sophisticated investors."

However, the impending flotation of the Halifax, Woolwich *and* Alliance & Leicester building societies and Abbey National's takeover of N&P will bring an extra nine million shareholders into what some regard as an increasingly hostile environment.

Since January, new issues worth more than £50 million are no longer offered automatically to the public; and the advent of Crest, the paperless share-dealing system, means investors *will pay more to* be sent share certificates rather than hold nominee accounts with stockbroking firms.

Below, Weekend Money examines how small investors fare in America, and looks at new ways of encouraging wider share ownership.

Information cheap in the land of the free

You do not have to be rich or employ a private broker to have access to information in the US.

Charles Schwab, one of the biggest US discount brokers, is not unique in the range of services it offers small investors. As soon as an investor opens a Schwab account, he or she has access to a registered representative, usually a broker, by telephone, 24 hours a day. The broker will be able to tell the investor how a share or portfolio is performing and why. The representative can also answer questions about customer accounts.

Tom Hendrickson, head of business development in the UK, says: "This service is very popular in the US. If a client can't make sense of something there is always someone there who will explain things."

Schwab also offers a research on request service for history on a company. The basic charge is $3, but customers can buy pre-paid units of research, with prices as low as $1.50 each when 100 units are bought. The *unit* includes earnings history and news stories on individual companies from Schwab's research department using sources such as Reuters, Bloomberg and Dow Jones. Investors then have to digest the information without the help of a traditional broker. Schwab will *not* advise investors whether to buy or sell.

Schwab also has a telebroker service, where customers use a touchtone telephone to trade and receive a 10 per cent discount for their efforts. Schwab also has portfolio management software that allows investors to monitor their portfolios and to save 10 per cent on commission. They can also create portfolios of shares they do not own but want to follow. The software gives access to stock quotes and information from the Dow Jones news wire service. The company also has an e-mail trading base and web trading available in the US through the Internet.

In fact, there are many web sites in the US dedicated to the *private investor that offer access* to relatively inexpensive research. Schwab, like other discount brokers, acts as a custodian for the investor. In the US, unlike the UK, the custodian is obliged to pass on all company information to investors. Customers have the same benefits they would get if the shares were held in their own name and they do not have to pay extra for the privilege.

When it comes to costs, US investors also come out ahead. Most discount brokers offer *mutual funds, the equivalent of unit or investment trusts,* with no extra charges on buying into the funds. Instead, brokers make money by receiving a share of the fund's annual fee. Even trading fees are comparatively low. Schwab says a typical trade of 100 shares at £75 a share would incur fees of £55.

Any money that goes into a Schwab account automatically goes into a money market account, earning 4.79 per cent, for a basic brokerage account, until it is invested.

KAREN ZAGOR

'Give investors a break'

Should investors be encouraged to buy shares with tax breaks? Some stockbrokers believe they should be rewarded in the same way as people with personal pensions and be given tax relief at *their* highest rate.

People who put their shares into personal equity plans (Peps) get tax-free income. In addition, all investors are allowed to make a tax-free capital gain of up to £6,300 each year. However, they do not get tax breaks on *their contributions towards* the funds in the Pep.

ProShare, which lobbies for greater direct equity investment, contrasts the upfront tax advantages offered by a pension fund with the lack of tax relief in building a share portfolio.

Stuart Valentine, ProShare research director, says risk-takers in equities should be rewarded with lower rates of tax on their equities. He favours separating capital gains tax (CGT) rates from income tax rates, returning to the position before 1988 when Nigel Lawson as Chancellor harmonised the two.

Mr Valentine says: "There is no logic in taxing risk capital at the same rate as regular income — lower rates are needed to reward risk-takers."

So instead of paying CGT at the same rate as your highest rate of income tax, Mr Valentine suggests capital gains above an agreed threshold be taxed at a flat rate. Since ordinary dividends are declared net of 20 per cent tax, he favours levying CGT at the same rate. He says: "Even 25 per cent would probably be less than the income tax rate paid by many investors."

The Weinberg Committee, an independent think tank, has been looking at ways to reverse the decline in small shareholdings and also suggests tax rules should be simplified. Sir Mark Weinberg, who chairs the committee, believes concerns over having to pay CGT discourage people from buying equities.

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Investors suffer thinner returns

More savers' rates are taking a knock from the recent bank base rate reduction. Chelsea Building Society has reduced rates on Instant Option, Chelsea 120, Capital and Chelsea Kids accounts by about 0.3 per cent. For example, £5,000 in *the 120-day account used to* give 6 per cent gross. Now it pays 5.70 per cent.

MANY people have odd parcels of shares, particularly in companies like British Gas, Abbey National and BT. Flemings is offering to exchange shares in any UK listed company for a Share Plan investment in any of the range of Fleming investment trusts. The offer, until September 30, is free of charge. For details telephone 0500 500 161.

A NEW policy costing as little as £30 a year will allow boat *owners to comply with new* regulations that make third party insurance compulsory from the beginning of next year. The cover, from the Basic Boat Liability Company (0181 477 5055), starts at £30 a year for a small dingy or motor boat rising to £65 for larger vessels depending on their size and speed, with discounts for RYA members. New legislation means all boats using the British Waterways navigations must have an annual safety check and their owners must carry up to £1 million of public liability insurance cover.

ALTHOUGH Peps are hailed *as one of the most popular* investments ever introduced in the UK, it is still the case that less than 5 per cent of the population are invested in them. *BESt Investment* believes that more people will need to take out a Pep to pay for private provision as the welfare state shrinks. It is offering a copy of its Pep magazine to readers of *The Times* who call 0171 321 0100.

PRIVILEGE INSURANCE claims its new Fleet Master policy will save companies substantial amounts on their company car insurance bills. *Fleet Master will target small* to mid-sized companies with fleets of up to 20 cars and polices will be tailored to individual company needs. Benefits include accident recovery line, courtesy car, discounts for security alarms and guaranteed repairs. Telephone 0900 143323.

SARAH JONES

SAVERS' BEST BUYS

INSTANT ACCESS ACCOUNTS	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Yorkshire BS 0800 378836	Frst Cls Accs	Postal	£1,000	4.90	Yly
Alliance & Leic BS 0645 645660	Instnt Direct	Postal	£5,000	5.40	Yly
Bristol & West BS 0800 901109	*Instnt Postal*	Postal	£10,000	5.85	Yly
Bristol & West BS 0800 901109	Instnt Postal	Postal	£25,000	6.05	Yly

NOTICE ACCOUNTS & BONDS	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Cheltenham & Glos 0800 717505	90 Day	90Day(p)	£100	5.50	Yly
First National BS 0800 558844	90 Day Notice	90Day(p)	£10,000	6.20	Yly
Scarborough BS 0800 590578	Scarborough 100	100 day	£1,000	6.50	Yly
Cheshire BS 0800 243278	Fxd Rate Bond	31.12.98	£5,000	6.75	F/Yly

FIRST TESSAS (TAX FREE)	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Sun Banking Corp 01438 744505		5 year	£8,575	7.50	F/Yly
NatWest Bank 0800 200400		5 year	£5,000	7.45	F/Yly
Yorkshire BS 0800 378836		5 year	£9,000	7.30	F/Yly
Principality BS 01222 344188		5 year	£500	7.00	Yly

CREDIT CARDS BEST BUYS

CREDIT CARDS	Card type	Interest per month	APR%	Fee per annum
Robert Fleming/S&P 0800 829024	MasterCard/Visa	0.90%C	11.20%	Nil
People's Bank Connecticut 0500551055	MasterCard/Visa	1.13%	14.40%	Nil
Frizzell Bank 0800 373191	MasterCard/Visa	1.17%	16.10%	£11

PERSONAL LOANS BEST BUYS

PERSONAL LOANS	APR	Monthly payment on £3,000 for 3yrs with insurance	no insurance
Direct Line 0141 248 9966	13.90%E	£112.86	£101.33
Midland 0800 180180	14.90%	£115.82	£102.49
Northern Rock BS 0345 421421	14.90%	£115.47	£102.59

Nb. A = All withdrawals subject to 30 day loss of interest, C = no interest free period, D = for debt consolidation-only, E = Available to comprehensive motor insurance policy holders over 22 years, F = Fixed Rate (all other rates variable), G = Annual rate 5% above R Fleming base rate, OM = Interest paid on maturity, P = By Post only

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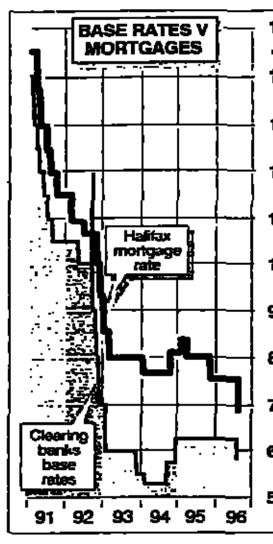

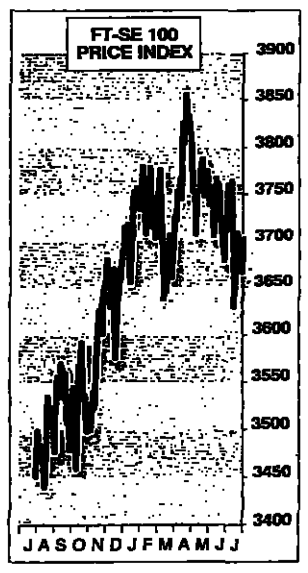

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Investment A/c*◦	4.75	3.80	2.85	20-500**	1mth	0645 645000
Income Bond* ◦	6.25	5.00	3.75	2,000-25,000**	3mth	0645 645000
First Opt Bond◦	*6.00*	*4.80*	*3.60*	*1,000-20,000***		0645 645000
43rd Issue Cert†◦	5.35			100-10,000	8day	0645 645000
Children's Bond†	6.75			25-1,000	1mth	0645 645000
Gen Ext Rate	3.51					0645 645000
Capital Bond◦ ◦	6.65	5.32	3.99	100-250,000	8day	0645 645000
9th Index Linked†◦	2.50			100-10,000	8day	0645 645000
Pensnrs Bond S3 ◦	7.00	5.60	4.20	500-50,000◦	60day	0645 645000

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PENSION ANNUITIES

All figures are the gross annual annuity (£100,000 purchase), guaranteed 5 years, paid monthly in advance

SINGLE LIFE (level ann)	Male: Age 60	Age 65	Age 70
Prudential ....Level	£10,467	£11,495	£12,893
Sun Life ....Level	£10,255	£11,285	£12,693
Generali ....Level	£10,211	£11,238	£12,578
Canada Lfe ....Level	£10,058	£11,227	£12,810
Norwich Un ....Level	£10,261	£11,221	£12,553

SINGLE LIFE	Female: Age 60	Age 65	Age 70
Norwich Un ....Level	£9,722	£10,458	£11,549
Prudential ....Level	£9,710	£10,443	£11,528
Sun Life ....Level	£9,526	£10,252	£11,330
Generali ....Level	£9,320	£10,163	£11,334
Stalwart* ....Level	£9,267	£10,159	£11,129

JOINT LIFE, 2/3 WIDOWS (level annuity)	Male: Age 60 Female: Age 55	Age 65 Age 60	Age 70 Age 65
Prudential ....Level	£9,323	£9,895	£10,708
Norwich Un ....Level	£9,301	£9,847	£10,637
Stalwart* ....Level	£9,158	£9,837	£10,609
Sun Life ....Level	£9,159	£9,720	£10,526
Generali ....Level	£9,005	£9,621	£10,473

* Maximum purchase £100,000. Higher rates for smokers.
Source: Annuity Direct (0171 588 9393)

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GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS

ANNUAL INCOME

Rates as at September 20, 1995

	Investment (£)	Company	Standard Rate (%)
1 Year			
	5,000	AIG Life	4.75
	10,000	AIG Life	4.85
	20,000	AIG Life	4.90
	50,000	AIG Life	5.05
2 Years			
	1,000	Premium Life	4.10
	10,000	AIG Life	5.65
	20,000	AIG Life	5.75
	50,000	AIG Life	5.85
3 Years			
	1,000	Premium Life	4.65
	10,000	AIG Life	5.98
	20,000	AIG Life	6.08
	50,000	AIG Life	6.18
4 Years			
	1,000	Premium Life	4.95
	3,000	Pinnacle Asrnce	6.10
	50,000	Premium Life	6.20
5 Years			
	3,000	Pinnacle Asrnce	6.50

Source: Chamberlain de Broë 0171-434 4222. Net rates. Income and capital guaranteed. *Early surrender. Terms vary. Monthly income may be available.*

PIBS

FIXED RATE	Gross coupon	Buying price	% Gross yield	Issue price	Minimum purchase amount
Birmingham Midshires	9.375%	100.36	9.338	100.17	1,000
Bradford & Bingley	11.625%	120.63	9.637	100.13	10,000
Bradford & Bingley	13.000%	135.12	9.621	100.20	10,000
Bristol & West	13.375%	140.23	9.538	100.34	1,000
Britannia	13.000%	134.98	9.631	100.42	1,000
Coventry	12.125%	126.73	9.550	100.75	1,000
First National	11.750%	118.47	9.918	100.25	10,000
Halifax	8.750%	93.49	9.359	100.62	50,000
Halifax	12.000%	125.59	9.351	100.28	50,000
Halifax	13.625%	144.06	9.458	100.00	50,000
Leeds & Holbeck	13.375%	140.48	9.521	100.23	1,000
Newcastle	10.750%	116.21	9.237	100.32	1,000
Newcastle	12.625%	135.40	9.324	100.45	1,000
Northern Rock	12.625%	135.77	9.299	100.14	1,000
Skipton	12.875%	134.98	9.539	100.48	1,000

FLOATING RATE	Gross coupon	Buying price	Issue price	Minimum purchase
Cheshire (28/09-21/03)	8.5875%	104.63	100.00	1,000
First National	8.70625%	101.13	100.00	1,000

PIBS = Permanent interest-bearing shares
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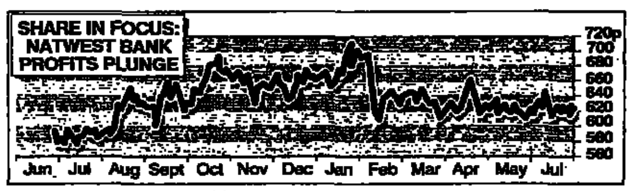

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Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Brist & West 0800 608088	0.95	£15k+	90	Fixd to 30.6.97
North Rock 0800 591500	0.99	£100-150k	75	6% disc to 1.8.97
All. & Leic 0181 742 0471	1.39	£200-300k	75	Disc of 5.6% until 1.8.97
Banks				
Bank of Ire 01734 510100	0.99	£20-145k	95	6.25 disc for 6 mths then 3%
Citibank *0181 741 5007*	3.04	£25-250k	75	4.45% discount *until 31.1.97*

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Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Scarborough 0800 590547	0.70	to £150k	70	Rate fixed for *12 months.*
Hinckley & Rugby 0800 774499	0.20	to £150k	70	Fixed for 1 yr.
Mansfield 01246 202055	0.64	£75-125k	90	2% disc-6 mth 1% disc-12 mth
Banks				
Bank of Ireland 01734 510100	0.99	£20-145k	95	6.25%disc-6 mth 3% disc-6 mth
Citibank 0181 741 5007	3.04	£25-250k	75	4.45% discount until 31.1.97

FIRST-TIME BUYERS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Brist & West 0800 608088	0.95	£15k+	95	6.04% disc 6 mnth then 2% disc-6mth
Skipton 01756 700500	0.84	£25-250k	95	6.09% disc 5 mths 0.84% disc 12 mth
Lambeth 0171 928 1331	3.74	£15-150k	95	3.25% disc for 12 months.
Banks				
Bank of Ire 01734 510100	0.99	£20-145k	95	6.25% disc 6 mths 3% disc 6 mths
Barclays Bank 0800 000929	*3.24*	£15-500k	95	3.75% disc for 12 months.

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	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9AS 0171 538 8800				
Balanced	521.50	551.90	+6.20	...
UK Equity	668.60	707.60	+11.60	...
Property	531.40	562.40	+0.50	...
Fixed Interest	361.00	382.10	+0.70	...
Money	266.30	281.90	+0.10	...
International	433.30	458.60	+5.40	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 01202 292373				
Custodian S4	192.20	202.40	+1.30	.
Ethical S4	155.80	164.10	+0.50	.
International S4	220.70	232.40	+2.30	.
Protected Gth S4	123.10	129.50	+0.50	.
Asian Pacific	207.60	218.60	+0.70	..
European S4	209.10	220.30	+3.70	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	*387.80*	*408.30*	*+0.10*	...
Equity Ser 4	258.40	272.00	+3.10	.
Man Ser 4	763.20	803.40	+7.80	.
Conv Ser 4	349.70	368.20	+0.20	...
Money Ser 4	349.40	367.80	+0.10	.
Fixed Int Ser 4	379.60	399.60	+0.60	...
American Ser 4	621	653.70	+18.20	
High Inc Ser 4	787.40	829.40	+10.20	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	225.70	237.60	+0.20	.
Japan Ser 4	363.90	383.10	+6.80	..
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 01707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1848.70	1946.00	+16.30	...
European Fd Acc	459.10	483.30	+4.70	...
Fixed Int Acc	551.40	580.40	-0.30	..
Gtd Money Acc	356.10	374.80	+0.20	...
Intl Managed Acc	728.70	767.00	+3.00	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	370.90	390.30	+1.00	.
Japan Fund	268.00	282.00	+1.20	..
N American Acc	400.90	421.90	+4.20	.
Prop Fd Acc	467.00	491.60	-0.50	..
Multiple Inv Acc	1190.70	1253.30	+7.60	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 01793 514514				
Ful Int Dep Acc	399.00	420.00	+0.30	..
Equity Acc	1666.00	1753.70	+20.00	
Property Acc	633.30	666.70	+2.00	.
Far East Acc	341.60	359.60	+6.40	..
Managed Capital	603.00	634.80	+9.40	..
-do- Acc	1273.90	1341.00	+17.90	..
Overseas Acc	1131.20	1190.80	+15.00	..
Gilt Edged Acc	538.30	566.70	+3.00	..
Amer Equity Acc	1025.30	1079.30	+34.40	..

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Opportunity	230.00	243.30	+4.30	...
Euro Opportunity	268.30	283.80	+6.90	...
North Amer Opp	213.40	225.80	+7.60	...
Far East Opp	217.30	229.90	+1.90	..
Gwth Prop Ser 1	168.00	176.80	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	205.60	217.60	+0.80	.
Fixed Int	222.60	235.60	+1.10	...
Cash	169.00	178.70	..	6.40
Overseas	254.50	269.30	+6.80	..
Formerly LAS				
Managed Fund	408.20	429.70	+6.90	..
UK Equity	695.80	732.50	+13.10	...
Property	283.80	298.80	+1.00	...
Money Market	267.70	281.80	...	..
Fixed Interest	323.40	340.50	+1.50	.
Japan	368.60	388.00	+6.50	..
North America	189.90	199.90	+0.70	
International	393.30	414.00	+10.40	...
European	343.10	361.20	+8.80	...
Far East	160.90	169.40	+1.40	
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 01707 51122				
Equity Growth 1	277.80	.	.	...
Managed	385.20	405.50	+2.70	..
Property	253.90	267.30	+0.20	..
Gilt & Fxd Int	264.80	278.80	+0.40	.
Equity	447.20	470.80	+2.70	.
Cash	228.50	240.60	+0.20	.
CLife Euro Mgd	446.90	470.50	+7.10	..
CLife Intl Fd	399.00	420.10	+4.80	..
Managed Fund	821.20	864.40	+4.70	..
Property Fund	547.60	576.40	+0.60	..
Equity Fund	1081.20	1138.10	+5.20	..
Gilt Edged Fd	674.40	709.90	+2.00	..
Deposit Fund	353.60	372.20	+0.30	.
Investment Fd	474.50	499.20	+2.60	..
International	621.30	653.90	+7.50	.
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 01908 606101				
Property Fund	167.00	175.80	-0.60	.
Managed Fund	719.60	757.50	+8.30	.
Equity Fund	421.50	443.70	+6.00	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0117 9290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	332.80	350.30	+4.90	.
Ruby	202.60	213.30	+4.30	.
Emerald	155.80	164.00	+0.20	.
Equity	382.30	402.50	+4.30	..
Property	236.50	249.00	+0.20	.
Gilt & Fixed Int	223.70	235.50	+0.30	..

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Bristol & West (2) 1	105.50	...	+0.20	...
Equity Mgd S1	277.40	292.10	+4.30	...
Managed S1	277.00	291.60	+3.70	...
Adventurous S1	229.20	241.30	+5.00	...
Managed (2)	185.10	194.90	+2.60	...
Pension Funds				
Unit With Plts (5) 1	105.40	. .	+0.20	...
Secure (2) 1	103.70	...	+0.20	...
Managed (2) 1	107.70	..	+1.80	...
Equity Mngd (2) 1	108.50	...	+2.00	...
Adventurous (2) 1	106.00	...	+2.80	...
Bristol & West (2) 1	104.40	...	+0.10	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 0171 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	333.90	346.00	+4.30	0.01
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 01722 413366				
Managed	355.40	374.70	+5.20	...
UK Equity	481.10	506.50	+6.60	..
Stewardship	425.60	448.00	+0.60	...
Overseas Equity	335.30	353.00	+6.90	...
North American	191.30	201.30	+6.40	...
Pacific Basin	181.50	191.10	+3.60	...
European	293.40	308.90	+6.80	...
Property	182.90	192.60	-0.20	..
Fixed Interest	261.50	275.30	+0.60	..
Index Linked	179.70	189.20	+0.40	.
Cash	214.10	225.40	+0.10	.
FP Life Assurance ex NM				
Fixed Interest	588.40	619.30	+0.40	...
Managed	797.20	839.10	+7.40	..
Deposit	365.10	384.30	+0.50	.
Property	514.90	542.00	+1.10	..
American	525.50	553.40	+12.70	...
Australian	622.60	655.30	+11.10	..
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Smaller Cos	484.30	509.70	+6.90	.
Tokyo Fund	673.10	708.50	+8.10	...
UK Equity	665.90	700.80	+6.20	. .
CCM Mangd Mo	892.90	939.90	+3.70	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 0171 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	332.60	350.20	+6.50	
GT Plan Wwide	570.60	600.70	+16.40	..
GAN LIFE & PENSIONS Gan House, Harlow, Essex				

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Caroline Merrell reports on the growing trend of art theft spreading out from the city centres to the less-streetwise shire counties

Fine art 'connoisseurs' pay £1bn visit to English country houses

Gotcha: a Rubens turned up in Miami and arrests followed

Scotland Yard has two warehouses filled with unclaimed stolen works of art recovered by the police — testament to the high levels of crime experienced by UK householders.

Although the drive against theft in the inner cities has had an impact, theft in the shires, of antiques and paintings from country houses, is on the increase.

According to the latest figures, it is estimated that paintings worth about £1 billion are stolen each year. Many owners find they do not have enough cover when they come to claim on their insurance.

A recent survey from Hiscox, a specialist in fine art insurance, found that about 53 per cent of owners of high value homes in the UK admit to having art, antiques and valuables which have either been valued for insurance purposes more than three years ago, or in the case of a third of them have not been valued at all. Fourteen per cent of those surveyed admitted carrying no insurance on their valuables. Many are discouraged by the prohibitive cost. For example, insuring £5 million of possessions could cost about £10,000 a year in premiums.

Peter Gwynn, principal security surveyor at Hiscox, said that it was impossible to say whether fine art theft was on the increase, as the Association of British Insurers did not release separate statistics.

He said: "There does seem to be a decrease in theft from inner cities with more emphasis on crime in the shires." He said that in particular there had been an increase in theft of garden statuary. It is particularly difficult to ensure items in gardens are well protected.

Those who own a number of valuable items are likely to find their usual household insurer has loaded premiums because it feels the risk of claims is bigger than normal. Specialist insurers and insurance brokers claim to be able to cut insurance premiums by up to 10 per cent. The cost depends on the type of item to be insured and how susceptible it is to fire and flood damage.

Terry Wilson, manager of Highline, a Norwich Union policy aimed at high net worth individuals said: "It is specifically designed for each individual client. It is a bespoke service. The more information we are given on the risk, the better understanding we can have and the closer we can underwrite it. To qualify for the policy the individual should have £50,000 of valuables and a building worth at least £100,000. Each premium rate will be set on its own merits. The risk and previous claims will come in to that. We managed to save one person £1,000 a year in premiums."

A third of houseowners with art, antiques and valuables have never had insurance valuations

Many insurers will insist on the insured buying a comprehensive alarm system. Many will also insist on a comprehensive photographic record being kept of all items. Keeping a complete record will help the police to track down and recover stolen items because the photographs can be circulated to the international auction houses. For example, Mr Gwynn points out that there are about 20 stolen Picassos, which have simply vanished.

Without a photographic record, it may be very difficult to connect the stolen items to the correct owner. The Metropolitan Police has two warehouses full of stolen goods which are unclaimed. Some of these items eventually find their way into so-called Aladdin's caves — ranges of expensive items which are publicised via the TV and press. Unclaimed items are eventually auctioned and the proceeds end up in the Treasury's coffers. The police could not say how much money was raised through this method.

Retrieval of fine art and paintings has been considerably helped by the Art Loss Register — an international database of stolen art, antiques and valuables.

In the event of a theft, details of the stolen objects are supplied to the register by the subscribing insurance companies, loss adjusters, police, museums, art galleries and anybody who has suffered a theft. Auction houses subscribe to the register which means that the origins of items can be checked out.

From 1991 to 1995, the Art Loss Register recovered directly 700 items worth £17 million. It also managed to recover a further 3,500 associated items.

Last year the register was responsible for the retrieval of a Rubens oil sketch, which was stolen from the Spanish town of La Coruña. The sketch reappeared some time later in Miami with a price tag of $3.5 million. Customs contacted the register, found the sketch was stolen and apprehended the thieves.

CGT ALLOWANCES — JUNE 1996

The indexed rise for calculating the indexation allowance on assets disposed of in June 1996

Month purchased	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
January	-	0.852	0.762	0.678	0.590	0.530	0.481	0.378
February	-	0.844	0.755	0.664	0.584	0.524	0.475	0.369
March	0.926	0.841	0.749	0.649	0.582	0.521	0.470	0.362
April	0.888	0.815	0.726	0.614	0.567	0.503	0.446	0.339
May	0.874	0.808	0.720	0.607	0.564	0.501	0.441	0.330
June	0.869	0.803	0.715	0.604	0.565	0.501	0.435	0.328
July	0.869	0.794	0.717	0.607	0.569	0.503	0.434	0.325
August	0.868	0.786	0.701	0.602	0.564	0.499	0.418	0.321
September	0.869	0.778	0.698	0.603	0.556	0.494	0.411	0.312
October	0.860	0.772	0.687	0.601	0.554	0.487	0.397	0.302
November	0.851	0.765	0.682	0.595	0.541	0.480	0.391	0.291
December	0.854	0.761	0.684	0.593	0.536	0.481	0.387	0.288

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
January	0.280	0.175	0.128	0.109	0.083	0.048	0.019
February	0.273	0.169	0.123	0.102	0.077	0.042	0.014
March	0.260	0.164	0.119	0.098	0.074	0.037	0.010
April	0.223	0.150	0.102	0.088	0.061	0.027	0.003
May	0.212	0.146	0.098	0.084	0.057	0.023	0.001
June	0.208	0.141	0.098	0.085	0.057	0.021	
July	0.207	0.143	0.102	0.087	0.063	0.026	
August	0.194	0.141	0.102	0.083	0.057	0.021	
September	0.183	0.137	0.098	0.078	0.055	0.016	
October	0.174	0.132	0.094	0.079	0.054	0.021	
November	0.177	0.128	0.095	0.081	0.053	0.021	
December	0.178	0.127	0.099	0.078	0.048	0.015	

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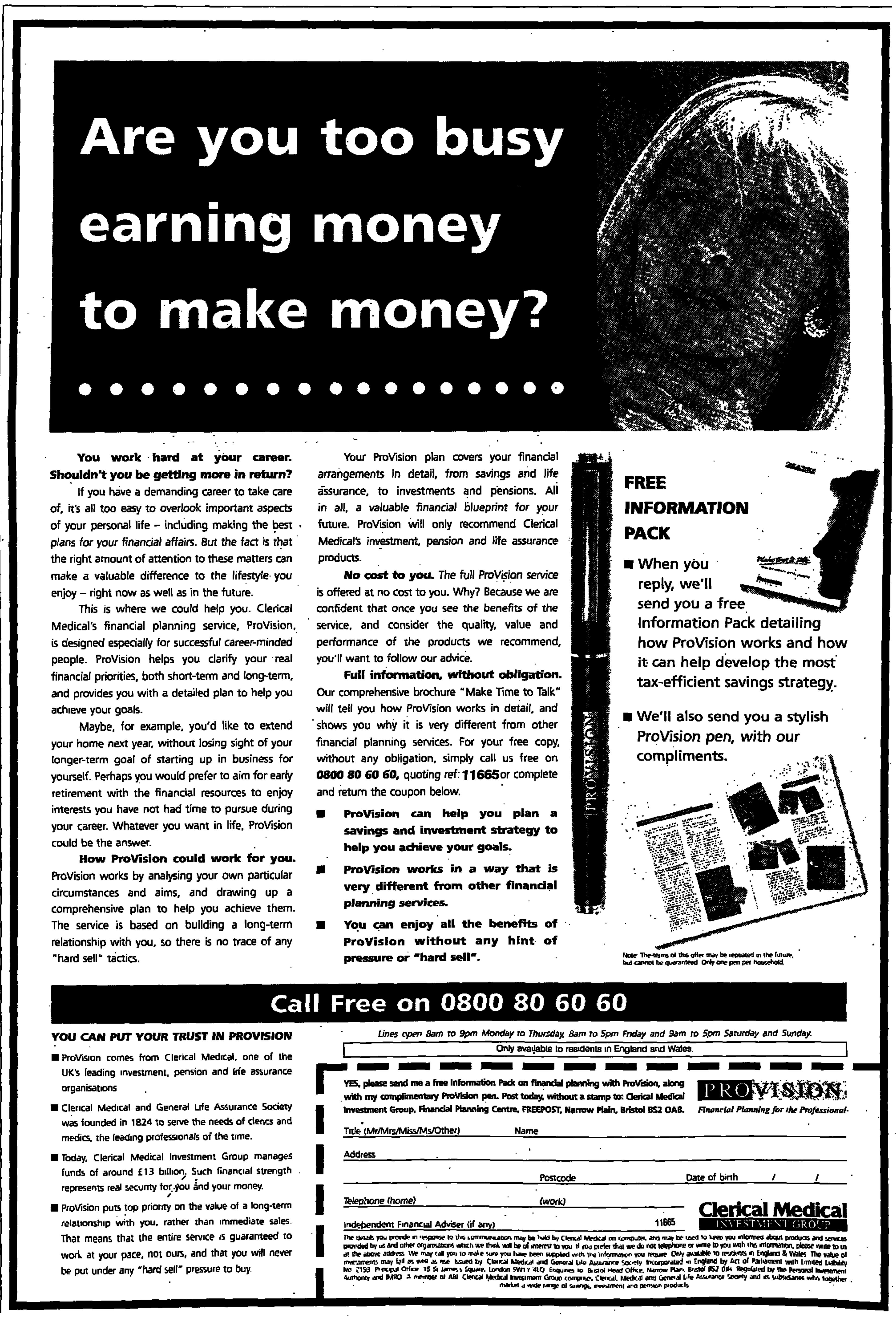
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Grofund Euro	265.70	281.20†	+ 3.50	0.57
Grofund Exol Bal	129.80	134.50		2.62
Grofund Gilt	74.39	76.84†	− 3.21	6.70
Grofund Japan	179.90	190.40	+ 5.00	
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General Acc	646.00	687.30	+10.80	2.54
General Inc	548.90	584.00	+ 9.30	2.54
UK Growth Acc	438.20	466.20	+ 6.00	2.74
UK Growth Inc	287.70	306.10	+ 3.90	2.74
Higher Inc Acc	778.50	828.20	+14.60	4.22
Higher Inc Inc	424.60	451.80	+ 7.80	4.22
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	208.90	221.70	+ 0.50	5.57
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	94.21	99.51	+ 0.24	5.57
Nth America	369.50	382.50	+15.80	.
Europe	357.80	380.70	+ 9.20	0.39
Brit Excell	87.03	92.59	+ 1.26	2.94
Brit Fndmtls Acc	112.10	119.30	+ 1.30	4.82
Brit Fndmtls Inc	76.84	81.75	+ 0.90	4.82
Global Opps	103.20	109.80	+ 3.00	0.11
Balanced Acc	62.20	66.18	+ 0.98	2.69
Balanced Inc	58.86	62.62	+ 0.91	2.69
Japan Acc	47.76	50.81	+ 1.43	.
Pac Basin Acc	402.70	428.50	+10.60	0.88
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	129.60	137.60	+ 0.30	7.09
High Inc Equity	178.70	191.10†	+ 2.90	4.51
Worldwide Bond	289.80	306.00†	− 0.70	4.81
American Growth	361.30	386.60	+13.70	0.32
Asian Pacific	326.90	349.60	+ 1.60	0.04
Assets & Earnings	293.70	314.10	+ 3.00	2.87
Euro Capital Acc	182.40	195.10	+ 4.40	0.81
Extra Inc	43.54	46.32†	+ 0.36	7.74
General	267.00	284.00†	+ 0.70	3.09
Global Opps	67.76	72.08	+ 0.86	0.55
Japan	125.30	134.00	+ 2.90	
Managed Inc	47.75	50.80†	+ 0.55	4.72
Mastertrust	168.08	177.50	+ 2.20	1.03
US Emerging Cos	199.60	212.30	+ 2.80	
Ethical	78.70	83.72	+ 0.26	2.54
International	138.10	146.90	+ 2.40	0.29
Dividend & Growth	66.48	70.72†	+ 1.08	4.34
Global Gwth & Sec	73.21	78.20	+ 0.26	2.34
Latin America	64.17	68.27	+ 1.49	
Capital Reserve	144.80	144.80	+ 0.20	4.83
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2282.00	2376.00	+ 8.00	
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	57.84	60.07	+ 1.50	0.51
Emerging Mkts	72.69	78.65†	+ 1.07	0.04
European	151.50	157.60	+ 5.10	
Exempt	1075.00	1137.00†	+10.00	7.64
Extra Income #	45.05	48.29	+ 0.30	6.86
Far East Emg Eco	130.50	138.20†	+ 2.40	0.45
Fixed Interest #	24.59	25.57†	− 0.32	9.43
Fund Inv Tst	147.50	154.90†	+ 0.50	9.90
Japan	190.70	198.40†	+ 4.90	..
Latin American	58.85	61.37†	+ 1.22	0.80
Pacific	85.47	89.75	+ 1.98	0.29
Property Share	67.88	71.23†	+ 0.39	2.46
UK Emerging Cos	71.73	77.54†	+ 0.51	1.24
UK Growth	51.40	54.33	+ 0.71	2.16
New World Port #	80.07	81.71	+ 1.41	1.92
Ethical	75.43	78.45	+ 1.06	2.25
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.80	50.80	+ 0.07	7.39
For AEGON see Matheson				
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5868				
Resco Property #	96.46	103.60	+ 0.70	5.08
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	88.45	93.85	+ 1.30	2.40
Income Builder Inc	77.84	82.81†	+ 1.19	4.49
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg 01793 610 366 Client dlg 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	275.90	294.90	+ 6.70	3.15
Capital	484.40	517.80	+ 8.60	1.21
Balanced	794.30	849.10	+17.90	2.45
Accumulator	1538.00	1633.00†	+34.00	1.91
Income Trusts				
American Income	59.26	63.269†	+ 1.56	2.52
High Income	446.70	477.50	+10.90	3.96
Equity Income	248.80	265.90†	+ 6.10	3.98
High Yield	269.50	288.00	+ 6.30	4.17
Gold Securities	34.86	35.950	+ 0.14	6.07
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	203.40	217.10	+ 9.40	0.05
European Growth	54.04	57.640	+ 2.22	0.07
International	188.70	201.70†	+ 5.60	0.11
Japan	215.50	230.30†	+ 5.10	.
Pacific	421.40	450.40†	+ 9.70	.
Secs of America	558.50	596.30	+26.60	0.13
Wwide Asset Val	56.81	60.720	+ 1.59	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	614.30	656.60	+14.10	2.08
Conv & Gilt	47.31	50.570†	+ 0.72	4.29
Smaller Cos	206.40	220.60†	− 1.90	1.01
2nd Smaller Cos	196.80	210.30	− 1.80	0.88
Recovery	164.50	175.80†	+ 2.80	1.61
Met Min & Cdty	164.00	175.10	+ 4.10	0.18
Overs Earnings	411.60	439.98†	+ 8.50	1.10
Technology	217.70	232.70	+ 9.10	
UK Special Sits	562.30	601.00	+ 6.70	1.04
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	114.50	118.90	+ 1.40	3.04
Foundn Persl Pens	68.32	70.97	− 0.17	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	80.02	85.13†	+ 1.24	1.03
International	66.40	70.64†	+ 0.58	
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	327.30	350.80	+12.30	.
Bond	116.30	122.40†	+ 0.40	6.62
Brit Smlr Cos	117.50	125.00	+ 0.80	1.81
Conv & Gen #	68.74	73.13†	− 0.65	5.36
Europe	283.40	300.60	+11.50	0.58
Euro Smlr Cos	125.57	133.30	+ 4.87	0.59
Income Gwth	365.00	388.30	+ 1.00	4.45
Japan	335.10	356.40	+ 9.20	.
Latin American	84.14	89.51	+ 1.54	0.86
Pacific	115.10	122.40	+ 2.40	1.21
UK Smlr Cos	59.03	62.80	− 0.40	1.25
Japan Fd	701.70	722.90	+14.90	
Mngd Fd	198.90	211.20	+ 3.60	2.85
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Overs	357.10	377.70	+ 9.60	0.94
Capital Gwth	124.40	131.60	+ 2.50	2.52
Wwide Opps	213.90	226.30	+ 4.00	0.91
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brit Inv Fd Inc	409.60	436.90	+16.60	2.56
European Bd Inc	95.25	98.59†	+ 0.15	6.65
Exempt	79.46	84.71	+ 1.47	3.05
500	501.50	547.40	+ 0.40	2.44
General	315.40	337.70	+ 4.90	2.66
Property	240.40	257.98	+ 0.70	5.57
Trustee	215.80	230.90†	+ 3.40	2.50
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.40	100.40†	+ 0.10	5.01
Distribution #	110.70	111.30	+ 1.30	6.25
Extra Income #	133.30	142.50	+ 2.50	4.90
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.08	60.11	+ 0.14	7.95
Income #	567.00	606.40†	+ 9.90	4.87
Income Builder #	67.93	72.46	+ 0.96	5.56
Intl Income	69.50	73.93†	+ 1.75	2.70
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	138.40	145.50	+ 1.70	2.11
FTSE 100	96.10	102.80	+ 2.10	2.78
Leisure	171.20	183.10	+ 1.10	0.74
Recovery	477.00	510.10	+ 5.50	2.77
Smllr Cos Inc	57.10	61.23†	− 0.04	2.17
Special Sits	374.10	400.10	+ 5.90	0.75
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	168.60	177.20	+ 5.80	0.14
Aust Acc	274.60	293.30	+ 5.60	1.85
Aust Inc	164.20	175.30	+ 3.30	1.85
Euro Gwth Inc	189.40	201.20	+ 3.50	0.49
-do- Accum	204.50	217.30	+ 3.80	0.49
Japan & Gen Inc	157.00	166.20	+ 3.40	
-do- Accum	158.80	168.10	+ 3.40	
Japan Spec Sits	73.18	77.97	+ 1.59	
Worldwide	195.80	207.80†	+ 4.80	0.47
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	126.50	133.70	+ 7.00	
Amer Smllr Cos	156.80	168.70	+ 7.60	
Convertibles	59.08	63.31†	+ 0.45	4.70
Eastern	296.50	319.20	+ 7.00	0.30
Equity Income	94.09	100.70†	+ 1.48	4.40
European Growth	362.50	385.60	+11.40	0.80
Europe	352.50	376.90	+12.00	0.80
German Growth	88.45	93.76	+ 1.19	0.50
Global Bond	70.13	73.79†	− 0.08	6.50
Global Growth	145.30	154.90	+ 4.70	0.40
Japan Growth	201.80	214.90	+ 3.60	.
Japan Smllcos	171.70	182.40	+ 1.90	
Korea Trust	71.40	77.41	+ 1.43	.
Portfolio	142.20	152.30	+ 1.20	2.30
-do- Accum	266.20	285.00	+ 2.30	2.30
UK Growth	99.02	106.50†	+ 2.10	3.60
UK Smaller Cos	95.86	104.20	+ 0.50	2.50
Select Managers	87.17	93.53	+ 1.23	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	89.47	95.16†	+ 3.55	
Special Oppor Inc	60.04	63.87†	+ 2.23	
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	134.86	142.70	+ 2.28	1.38
-do- Accum	155.32	164.44	+ 2.63	1.38
Smaller Cos	150.26	159.01	+ 4.55	0.48
Higher Yield #	54.58	57.76†	+ 0.97	3.83
American Gth Inc	92.22	97.59†	+ 3.92	
European Growth	163.98	173.52	+ 4.98	.
-do- Accum	167.27	177.01	+ 5.08	.
Global Bond Inc #	26.57	27.53	+ 0.24	6.32
Mngd Ptflo Inc	51.83	54.83	+ 1.13	1.34
-do- Accum	53.42	56.50	+ 1.16	1.34
Intl Spec Opps	162.70	172.17	+ 5.21	
Pacific Gth	145.32	153.78	+ 1.70	
UK General #	90.54	95.81†	+ 2.29	2.77
-do- Accum #	96.86	102.50	+ 2.39	2.77
Japan	60.87	64.41†	+ 1.19	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	99.90	103.53	+ 0.38	8.64
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	66.04	66.89	+ 0.16	6.54
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	184.90	194.70	+ 2.40	1.89
UK Growth	199.10	209.60†	− 1.70	2.19
UK Income	143.90	151.50	+ 2.30	4.59
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	225.60	239.10†	+ 2.90	1.66
-do- Income Dist	120.40	127.60	+ 1.30	3.92
-do- Accum	385.50	409.70	+ 4.40	3.92
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.15	42.20	− 1.09	6.45
Growth Units	240.90	257.60	+ 3.30	2.13
Bond	176.30	185.60	− 0.50	7.20
Intl Growth	248.90	262.70	+ 7.00	0.20
North American	247.30	264.20†	+ 9.50	0.25
Far East	303.10	324.20†	+ 6.50	0.74
UK Smaller Cos	221.30	238.70	+ 0.60	0.94
European	97.52	103.40†	+ 2.90	0.70
Japanese Growth	48.94	51.96	+ 1.01	
High Income	211.30	225.90	+ 4.00	4.40
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0181 831 7433 Enq 0181 831 7433 Dlg 0181 831 7465				
American & Gen	214.70	227.80	+ 7.00	.
European Inc	94.04	99.64	+ 2.27	0.51
Smaller Cos (4-1)	105.80	112.60	+ 0.10	1.54
Growth	522.00	555.40	+ 9.90	1.83
Income & Growth #	437.50	465.50†	+ 7.60	4.10
-do- Accum #	661.30	703.60	+11.80	4.10
Japan & Gen	70.68	74.36	+ 1.41	
Master Portfolio	£114.86	£118.73†	+300.00	2.07
-do- Accum	£141.25	£146.01	+246.00	2.07
Special Sits	119.50	127.60†	+ 1.50	1.91
High Yield	£14.32	£14.77	+24.00	4.52
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	99.51	106.08†	+ 1.84	2.45
American Portfolio	120.12	127.61	+ 4.78	0.02
European Portfolio	134.12	143.27	+ 5.51	0.64
High Income	51.17	57.23†	− 0.46	7.36
Japanese Portfolio	70.74	75.17†	+ 1.19	
Pacific Portfolio	153.37	164.92	+ 2.43	1.47
UK Equity	95.42	101.88	+ 1.83	3.17
UK Equity & Bd	56.87	60.26	+ 1.01	3.42
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	732.23	743.29	− 1.77	4.43
Fxd In Sec	154.61	155.23	+ 0.41	9.21
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	724.71	735.67	+ 7.39	4.53
Investment Acc	£33.03	£33.53	+33.75	
Fixed Int Inc	125.03	125.53	+ 0.07	10.82
Fixed Int Acc	222.69	223.59	+ 0.11	.
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Bockman Intl	88.40	93.41	− 0.23	3.07
Beck Bio-tech	39.20	42.62†	+ 0.88	.
Acorn Ethical Tst	177.86	188.77	+ 2.12	0.46
City Fin Assets	77.26	81.13	+ 0.03	1.61
City Fin Amerca	104.89	110.14	+ 0.16	.
City Fin Intl	87.81	92.21	+ 0.17	0.47
City Fin Japan	153.05	160.72	+ 2.27	
Friars Hse Cap	306.36	325.91†	+ 3.75	3.02
Friars Hse Inc	194.86	207.30	+ 0.07	3.64
Bushey Wrld Gth	138.45	146.76	− 2.92	..
J Std Inc/Gth Inc	54.11	56.82†	+ 0.67	3.39
Shaw Utilities	57.06	58.11	+ 0.49	6.26
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin. 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	57.04	60.52†	+ 0.31	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	76.64	81.53	+ 2.38	
Dragon Growth	71.81	76.58	+ 1.61	0.37
Equity High Inc	87.51	93.67	+ 1.48	4.33
-do- Accum	124.51	133.27	+ 2.09	4.33
Extra Income Inc	26.12	27.49†	+ 0.06	7.62
Extra Income Acc	28.32	29.81	+ 0.07	7.62
European Gwth	62.68	66.48	+ 1.74	0.97
Evergreen	32.13	34.36	+ 0.58	
General Equity	99.75	105.41	+ 1.31	3.14
Japan Growth	52.74	56.11	+ 0.38	
Pedigree Gwth	61.91	65.86	+ 0.54	2.43
Prd Sm Cos Inc	37.74	40.15	+ 0.08	1.51
-do- Accum	39.98	42.53	+ 0.09	1.51
Retirement Inc #	26.98	28.70	+ 0.29	6.06
Special Sits	45.93	48.86	− 0.09	2.39
UK & Overseas	58.52	62.09	+ 1.90	0.73
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	66.20	68.95	− 0.69	4.16
Capital	80.32	83.66	+ 1.15	2.34
High Income	50.39	52.48†	− 0.62	7.22
Top 50	53.91	56.15	+ 1.01	2.17
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	186.85	194.64	+ 1.78	4.72
Long Gilt	42.31	44.04†	+ 0.09	6.99
Monthly Inc Plus	48.61	50.64	− 0.21	8.85
Preference Share	46.49	48.43†	− 0.93	8.05
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	134.64	140.25†	+ 1.59	8.08
Managed Fund	75.55	78.70	+ 0.24	2.73
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	50.46	52.56	+ 0.50	1.81
-do- Accum	59.64	62.13	+ 0.59	1.87
UK & General	93.28	97.17	+ 1.46	2.65
-do- Accum	120.98	126.02	+ 1.89	2.65
UK Growth	183.71	191.36	+ 1.83	1.47
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	213.73	222.64	+ 4.83	0.65
Far Eastern Gth	137.77	143.51	+ 3.10	0.02
Global Bond	83.09	86.55	+ 1.10	5.73
Japan Growth	117.65	122.55	+ 2.86	
North Amer Gth	229.23	238.78	+ 7.95	..
Overseas Growth	83.54	87.02	+ 2.21	0.27
Worldwide Growth	74.42	77.52	+ 1.66	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.76	92.76	+ 0.07	5.18
Homemaker Fund	89.97	95.71	+ 0.87	1.58
Quilter Fund	148.86	158.15†	− 0.03	1.97
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	34.49	35.89†	− 0.70	4.55
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	174.50	185.60	+ 2.50	2.00
Income	69.49	73.93†	+ 1.40	4.91
European	74.71	79.48	+ 2.15	0.83
Recovery	182.50	194.10	+ 4.00	2.15
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	927.60	942.90	−11.30	3.56
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	107.90	114.78	+ 0.90	1.13
Income #	279.60	297.40	+ 4.00	4.25
-do- Accum #	731.80	778.50	+10.60	4.25
Smaller Cos	227.30	241.80†	.	0.89
-do- Accum	282.30	300.30†		0.89
Gilt Portfolio	98.42	104.70†	+ 0.20	1.63
High Inc Port #	80.57	85.71	+ 0.94	4.46
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Euro Small Cos	1682.00	1743.60	+ 5.70	
Japan Small Cos	1254.90	1279.50	−28.70	
UK Small Cos	2139.10	2236.80	− 3.60	2.77
US Small Cos	2040.40	2086.30	+39.60	0.99
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	226.10	238.00	− 0.60	3.07
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	162.30	172.60	+ 2.60	1.87
UK High Inc Inc	170.70	181.50	+ 3.30	3.93
-do- Accum	230.40	245.10	+ 4.40	3.93
UK Prof & F I Inc	58.31	61.86	+ 0.18	5.98
Continental Opps	96.92	103.10	+ 0.40	0.97
UK Smlr Cos #	66.29	70.52	− 0.03	0.80
Extra Income Inc	47.81	50.86†	− 1.06	8.16
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	172.80	182.90	+ 6.30	0.44
Convertibles #	22.03	23.41	+ 0.17	5.98
Equity Income #	139.90	148.60	+ 2.80	4.04
EuroFund	63.78	67.50	+ 1.86	0.59
Financial	53.54	56.89	+ 0.72	1.58
Growth & Inc #	277.40	294.70†	− 0.90	2.97
High Dist #	174.10	185.00	+ 2.80	4.27
International	437.70	465.10†	+ 7.20	0.11
Intl Cap Inc	104.20	111.20†	+ 3.20	2.43
Latin American	32.69	34.73	+ 0.99	
Pacific	62.63	66.01	+ 0.79	.
Prof High Inc	21.70	23.06	+ 0.12	7.81
Tokyo	232.40	246.40	+ 3.50	
UK Smaller Cos	253.60	269.40	− 0.30	1.11
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	333.00	352.60	+ 9.00	1.02
New Asia	233.10	248.80	+ 2.30	0.73
Japan Growth	115.10	122.50	+ 3.10	
Jap Smlr Co	480.20	510.30	+ 5.80	
Nth Amer	398.70	422.00†	+ 8.30	0.69
UK Inc & Gth	241.50	258.40	+ 4.10	2.87
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Brit Director Dlgs	111.56	119.32	− 2.28	1.32
Growth Acc	245.83	262.61		0.76
Income	580.77	618.52†	− 6.46	6.12
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	222.10	236.30	+ 1.00	1.00
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	92.15	97.80	+ 2.90	1.18
Ethical Tst	47.05	49.57	+ 1.25	0.99
Far Eastern	311.63	329.05†	+ 6.22	1.54
High Income	135.68	142.82	+ 3.75	5.03
UK Index Trcking	49.21	51.83	+ 1.20	3.28
Intl Growth	145.46	153.12	+ 2.17	0.30
North American	145.60	153.26	+ 6.21	1.64
Pelican	136.09	143.25	+ 2.21	2.27
Smaller Cos	70.54	74.25	− 0.16	2.92
Special Sits	91.85	96.62	+ 0.75	2.56
Tst of Inv Tsts	210.32	221.97	+ 2.38	1.28
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	232.40	248.86	+ 1.36	1.49
Smaller Cos Acc	416.89	443.50	+ 2.44	1.49
Recovery	59.23	63.01	− 0.60	1.69
Recovery Acc	61.20	65.11	− 0.62	1.69
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	83.15	89.17	+ 0.20	
Fd of Inv Tsts	50.55	53.92†	+ 0.49	0.54
High Income #	36.95	39.60†	− 0.01	11.92
Warrant	46.20	50.22	− 0.06	
Zero Preference	42.72	45.33†	+ 0.12	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	88.92	94.60†	+ 1.32	2.70
United Charities	306.10	325.60	+ 4.30	2.42
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.20
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.78	27.86	+ 0.05	7.17
Intl Bond	29.30	30.38†	+ 0.43	5.12
Strategic Inc	26.37	27.56†	+ 0.14	5.89
Income Funds				
High Income	25.84	27.12†	+ 0.10	5.68
Income Plus	125.80	133.80	+ 1.60	4.11
Amer Eq Inc	60.90	64.53	+ 1.95	0.29
European Income	49.48	52.65	+ 0.56	2.58
Far East Inc	66.57	70.91	+ 1.42	0.80
UK Eq Gth	30.06	31.97	− 0.30	2.34
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	64.80	69.13	+ 1.19	
American	307.90	326.70	+13.70	0.13
Amer Spec Sits	175.40	187.70	+ 5.60	
Japan Smaller Cos	37.38	39.87	+ 0.54	
European	226.00	240.30	+ 3.60	0.56
European Opps	79.80	84.85	+ 1.57	0.02
Global Pfrs	30.19	32.10	+ 0.53	0.35
UK Growth	117.20	124.70	+ 1.20	1.15
Growth & Inc	168.60	179.50†	+ 1.70	2.59
Intl PEP	46.22	49.15	+ 0.94	1.11
Japan Spec Sits	94.35	100.30	+ 1.21	
Japan	186.50	198.00†	+ 4.10	
Managed Intl	344.00	365.10	+11.30	0.51
MoneyBuilder	65.68	69.84†	+ 0.98	
Recovery	60.78	64.63	+ 0.52	1.67
South E Asia	178.20	190.10	+ 4.90	1.02
Special Sits	706.80	751.60	+ 6.40	0.61
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	115.22	115.22	+ 0.09	5.70
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	146.80	149.40	+ 0.50	1.76
Inc Ptfolio #	92.08	93.74	+ 1.22	2.93
Cap Ptfolio	160.20	162.80	+ 2.40	0.99
General Opps	137.30	138.90	+ 0.90	3.85
Growth Inc	36.22	36.94	+ 0.32	0.99
Private Portfolio	469.90	473.00	+ 3.20	1.13
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 386 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	150.70	160.50†	+ 1.90	0.31
Emrg Asian	149.70	160.60	+ 2.50	
High Income	20.97	22.32†	− 0.11	10.08
UK Income	109.00	116.40	+ 1.70	4.31
US Smaller Cos	409.70	438.90	+11.40	
For Foster & Braithwaite see Quilter				
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775611				
American Growth	73.40	78.24	+ 0.58	
-do- Accum	73.40	78.24	+ 0.56	.
Amer Smllr Cos	638.20	682.60	+17.00	
-do- Accum	652.10	697.40	+17.50	
Capital Tst	383.70	408.20	+ 5.50	1.50
-do- Accum	560.60	596.40	+ 8.20	1.50
Conti Smllr Cos	62.85	67.04	+ 0.36	0.42
-do- Accum	66.86	71.32	+ 0.37	0.42
Convertible	138.30	147.10†	+ 0.50	5.86
-do- Accum	299.30	318.40†	+ 0.90	5.86
Emerging Markets	68.55	73.24	− 0.22	0.30
-do- Accum	68.80	73.50	− 0.22	0.30
European	148.30	157.20	+ 1.30	0.90
-do- Accum	157.10	166.70	+ 1.50	0.90
Extra Income	368.90	392.40†	+ 3.40	4.10
-do- Accum	587.30	624.80†	+ 5.60	4.10
Financial	162.20	172.60	+ 1.40	0.46
-do- Accum	172.40	183.40	+ 1.40	0.46
Gilt Trust	64.27	66.28	.	6.79
-do- Accum	97.34	100.30		6.79
Health Fund Inc	244.20	260.90		
-do- Accum	244.20	260.90		
Income & Growth	221.80	236.00	+ 3.90	3.61
-do- Accum	351.60	374.00	+ 6.10	3.61
Intl Growth	432.30	460.40	+ 5.80	
-do- Accum	480.00	511.30	+ 6.50	
Japan & Gen	178.00	189.20	+ 1.00	
-do- Accum	179.80	191.10	+ 1.00	
Monthly Inc #	188.80	200.90†	+ 1.70	4.38
Managed Port Inc	118.40	124.60	+ 0.60	1.44
-do- Accum	128.60	135.40	+ 0.70	1.44
Quarterly Income #	55.77	59.33	+ 0.03	4.91
-do- Accum #	62.47	67.06	+ 0.03	4.91
Recovery	366.20	390.60†	+ 7.80	0.23
-do- Accum	431.10	461.10†	+ 9.20	0.23
UK Growth	62.90	66.91	+ 0.30	2.76
-do- Accum	68.21	72.56	+ 0.34	2.76
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	59.78	63.76	+ 2.51	0.35
FP Am Smllr Cos	193.90	206.80	+ 4.50	.
FP Asian Growth	277.00	295.40	+ 4.60	.
FP Australian	398.30	424.80	+ 7.70	
FP Equity Dist	437.70	466.80	+10.30	2.54
-do- Accum	964.70	[illegible]	+23.00	2.54
FP Euro Gth	280.40	299.00	+ 7.20	
-do- Accum	306.60	327.00	+ 7.90	
FP Intl Bond	59.89	63.37	− 0.25	4.46
FP Intl Gth Dist	38.12	40.66	+ 0.95	0.13
-do- Accum	55.65	59.36	+ 1.38	0.13
FP Pac Basin Acc	221.70	236.40	+ 4.10	
FP Income #	57.11	60.91	+ 0.96	5.15
-do- Accum #	199.50	212.80	+ 3.40	5.15
FP Jap Smllr Cos	322.60	344.10	+ 4.00	
FP Monthly Dist #	74.17	79.11	+ 0.42	5.70
FP Stlg Deposit	100.40	100.40	+ 0.10	5.05
FP Tokyo	85.47	91.16	+ 1.85	
FP UK Focus	41.20	43.94	+ 0.62	2.35
FP UK Growth	189.90	202.50	+ 3.80	2.41
-do- Accum	382.70	408.20†	+ 7.80	2.41
Stewardship Dist	410.50	437.80	+ 3.80	1.51
-do- Accum	514.60	548.90	+ 4.70	1.51
Stwdship Inc Dist #	79.10	84.37	− 0.46	4.85
-do- Accum #	108.10	115.30†	+ 0.40	4.85
N Am Stshp Dist	120.20	128.20	+ 4.40	0.44
-do- Accum	129.20	137.80†	+ 4.80	0.44
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	124.10	132.00	+ 1.30	1.68
Open Cap Gth Acc	127.80	135.91	+ 1.20	0.21
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	115.60	122.90	− 0.50	2.97
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	122.50	130.30†	+ 1.20	2.97
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	117.10	124.50	− 0.90	3.54
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	125.10	133.00†	+ 1.10	3.54
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	277.70	293.60	+ 4.80	2.10
Cash	49.28	50.02	− 0.44	5.32
Growth Portfolio	87.86	93.13	+ 2.05	0.88
Income Portfolio	69.12	73.09	+ 1.30	4.21
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	221.10	236.50†	+ 4.00	1.11
Dividend	92.59	99.03†	+ 1.34	5.22
Intl Gth & Inc	241.20	258.00†	+ 6.00	3.27
UK & Gen	48.89	52.29	+ 0.68	2.78
Fund of Funds	74.22	79.38	+ 0.04	.
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	238.90	256.50	+13.50	0.13
European Gth	732.00	782.90	+27.80	0.61
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	55.04	58.39	+ 0.82	4.87
-do- Accum	61.08	64.80	+ 0.91	4.87
Far East & Gen	267.10	285.70	+ 6.50	
German Growth	146.50	155.30	+ 2.90	
High Yield #	48.51	51.27†	− 0.71	8.17
-do- Accum #	53.44	56.49	+ 0.21	8.17
Income Inc	192.00	205.40	+ 2.30	4.16
-do- Accum	215.80	230.80	+ 2.60	4.16
International	392.80	418.90	+11.10	0.30
Intl Income	94.06	99.60	+ 2.02	2.98
Japan Growth	451.60	479.70	+ 4.50	
Korean Securities	59.24	63.36	+ 1.77	
Orient Acc	185.40	198.30	+ 4.10	0.17
UK General Inc	191.30	204.60†	− 1.00	0.93
UK General Acc	341.80	365.60	+ 1.80	0.93
UK Smllr Cos Inc	52.75	56.42		1.72
-do- Accum	57.08	61.05	− 0.18	1.90
UK Spec Sits	101.00	108.10	+ 0.30	1.20
US Growth	183.30	196.00	+ 6.20	
Wwide Spec Sits	160.90	171.20†	+ 4.00	.
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	57.31	61.34†	+ 0.02	2.05
Cash Trust	145.34	145.34	+ 0.12	5.24
Practical Inv Inc #	120.69	129.08	+ 0.60	3.73
-do- Accum #	284.64	304.43	+ 1.42	3.73
UK Index	173.34	174.21	+ 2.22	3.42
UK Smaller Cos	184.79	197.64	− 0.92	0.59
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.28	25.16†	+ 0.08	7.79
High Income	33.16	35.38†	− 0.42	5.23
UK Equity Income	158.51	161.10†	− 0.08	3.35
Global Bond	30.18	31.28	+ 0.37	5.05
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	46.85	50.11	+ 0.97	
Global Managed	151.40	160.91	+ 3.70	1.55
Gold & Intl Res	115.58	123.62	+ 4.45	
Global Utilities	143.12	152.52†	+ 2.60	1.42
Overseas Funds				
American	195.11	207.45	+ 7.14	0.91
European	134.06	142.22	+ 4.31	0.96
Euro Sel Opps	203.99	216.32	+ 4.95	
Amer Emerging	172.65	184.65	+10.34	
Hong Kong	158.81	169.80	+ 4.18	1.57
Japan	248.13	263.62†	+ 2.48	
Pacific Growth	222.02	237.45	+ 0.64	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	250.43	250.43†	+ 2.07	2.04
Long Term Bal	270.46	270.46†	+ 2.33	2.84
Med Term Bal	223.31	223.31†	+ 1.01	3.09
UK Equity	288.83	288.83	+ 1.62	2.63
UK Emerging Cos	172.97	172.97	− 0.19	2.04
American	312.88	312.88	+ 9.80	1.02
Japan	137.33	137.33	+ 1.60	
European	342.37	342.37	+ 8.98	1.07
Index Linked Gilt	181.66	181.66	+ 0.31	2.70
Fixed Interest	172.95	172.95†	+ 0.29	6.43
Amer Emerging	388.16	388.16	+30.38	
Pacific	238.73	238.73	+ 4.08	0.89
Emerging Mkts	126.08	126.08†	+ 0.20	0.46
Index Strat Japan	153.08	153.08†	+ 3.45	0.14
-do- Pacific Ban	203.06	203.06†	+ 4.65	1.17
-do- Cntl Europe	187.60	187.60†	+ 4.54	1.89
Index Strat USA	183.74	183.74†	+ 6.94	1.77
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	117.94	125.46	+ 1.03	.
Med Term Bal	106.37	113.15	+ 0.54	
Long Term Bal	121.57	129.32	+ 1.11	
UK Equity	134.05	142.60	+ 0.83	
UK Emerging Cos	81.20	86.38	+ 0.09	
American	144.72	153.02	+ 4.86	
Japan	65.61	69.80	+ 0.63	
European	142.06	151.12	+ 4.00	.
Fixed Interest	88.75	94.41	+ 0.16	
Index Linked Gilt	80.82	85.97	+ 0.22	
Deposit	87.00	92.55	+ 0.08	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Inc	158.19	168.62	+ 0.62	0.51
Brcklt Gth Port Inc	72.33	76.54	+ 0.52	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	60.95	64.22	+ 0.58	3.50
-do- Wwide Port	61.25	64.87	+ 0.67	0.10
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	596.55	[illegible]	+18.92	1.56
-do- Accum	677.59	715.48	+21.37	1.56
European Inc	148.55	159.45	+ 3.17	1.50
Amalgam Inc	155.10	164.42		2.05
N America Inc	413.44	[illegible]	+25.57	
Far East Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Dvd Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing 0171 407 7383				
UK Equity Inc #	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Small Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
American Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Japan Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Greater China	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific Strategy	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
European Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Intl Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
US Index (T)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FTSE Mid 250 Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Monthly Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Index & Bond Funds Dealing 0171 [illegible]				
Std UK Index (T)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9658				
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilt & Fixed	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Growth Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
International	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Japan Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Nth American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Guardhill	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global High Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corporate Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eqty & Bond Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Intl PEP Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Equity Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Recovery	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] High Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Emerg Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Small Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Glob Pro Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inc Share Tst	34.34	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing 0171 220 6050 01904 611110				
Balanced Inc	54.21	57.45†	+ 0.45	3.32
Balanced Acc	57.64	[illegible]	+ 0.49	3.82
Growth	31.62	33.53†	[illegible]	2.00
Growth Acc	32.70	34.67	[illegible]	2.00
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.30
Income Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.30
Accumulation Tst	24.56	26.60	+ 0.46	3.03
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries 01277 227 300 Dealing 01277 690 390				
High Provider	98.60	102.10†	[illegible]	6.68
Mngd Ptflio	234.10	255.59	+ 3.50	2.25
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries 0645 494949 Dealing 0645 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	253.93	272.20	+ 0.74	0.25
Best of British	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 0.80	2.65
UK Smaller Cos	151.95	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.22
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	[illegible]	313.51	+ 4.60	3.48
-do- Accum #	620.96	[illegible]	+ 7.31	3.48
High Income	339.69	[illegible]	+ 2.54	4.75
Extra Income #	337.55	355.90	− 0.92	6.00
Pref & Bond	47.57	49.47†	+ 0.16	8.30
International				
Ethical	[illegible]	128.02	− 0.01	2.06
International	326.38	[illegible]	+ 8.63	.
Global Fund	55.64	59.02	+ 0.60	5.66
Intl Prod Tst	97.30	104.53	+ 0.83	0.37
Global Tech	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	194.50	208.08†	+ 4.44	0.17
European	619.38	665.71	+17.56	1.55
European Income #	91.47	95.31†	+ 0.24	3.19
Euro Smlr Cos	190.19	203.94	+ 4.19	2.09
European Value	95.57	102.08	+ 7.62	1.24
-do- Accum	102.81	109.82	+ 3.04	1.24
Japan Trust	235.73	250.51†	+ 3.18	.
Japan Smllr Cos	246.57	262.61	+ 1.56	
Pacific Smlr Cos	249.27	265.57	+ 2.42	
North American	309.77	329.10†	+13.21	
American Smaller	170.61	182.42	+ 7.24	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	153.70	161.80†	− 0.90	5.11
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	117.32	122.85	+ 1.42	2.12
Capital	199.06	208.43†	+ 3.41	1.30
Dollar	480.08	502.70	+17.89	
Enterprise Gth	42.63	44.54	+ 2.49	1.47
European	279.52	292.69†	+ 6.30	0.40
Far East	318.62	333.64	+ 3.94	
Financial	993.02	£10.39	+25.49	1.97
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.95	26.99†	+ 0.06	6.77
High Yield	106.96	112.00	+ 2.02	5.42
Income & Growth	157.12	164.52	+ 2.94	4.62
International	296.26	310.22†	+ 6.40	0.11
Japanese General	223.88	234.43	+ 5.08	
Japan Tech	97.20	101.78	+ 3.49	
Nat Resources	85.91	89.96	+ 1.44	0.15
Portfolio	85.17	89.18	+ 1.36	1.30
Special Sits	201.53	211.03	+ 2.72	0.23
UK Emerging Cos	126.44	132.40	− 0.17	0.74
US Smaller Cos	152.14	159.31	+ 4.14	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	610.20	651.20†	+12.20	5.13
Capital	696.90	743.80	+ 9.30	2.42
High Income #	111.00	118.50†	+ 1.30	6.08
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	607.40	643.50	+24.60	0.35
European Gwth	144.90	154.20	+ 3.80	0.01
Japan Gwth	286.10	305.00	+ 3.40	
Japan Smlr Cos	36.97	39.41	+ 0.38	
Asian	63.25	67.50	+ 1.53	0.10
Sing & Malay Gwth	83.46	89.07	+ 1.14	
Hong Kong Gwth	135.40	144.40	+ 3.40	1.11
Global Bond	22.56	23.82†	+ 0.26	5.28
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	160.10	160.90†	+ 2.10	3.65
Ftse Index	125.20	128.50	− 0.10	2.11
THE FOOTSIE FUND	61.92	62.23	+ 0.94	3.06
Index Funds-International				
American Index	276.40	277.80	+10.20	1.07
Eurotrack 100	196.20	197.20	+ 5.00	1.33
Japan Index	81.76	82.17	+ 1.90	0.07
Tiger Index	208.10	209.10	+ 5.30	0.43
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	46.96	49.81†	− 0.36	0.84
General Funds				
Managed Dist	88.11	91.59†	+ 1.82	1.16
Managed	90.52	94.10†	+ 1.88	1.16
Superl Child Fnd	98.12	102.00†	+ 1.90	2.55
UK Growth	68.40	71.10†	+ 1.12	2.13
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	84.61	87.95†	+ 1.08	6.28
Gilt & Fixed Int #	26.74	27.59†	+ 0.10	8.01
UK Inc & Gwth	46.09	47.91†	+ 0.72	3.21
UK Income #	360.90	375.20†	+ 5.80	4.31
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	60.71	62.96	+ 2.25	0.11
Amer Smllr Cos	156.40	162.60†	+ 6.70	
-do- Accum	158.10	164.30†	+ 6.20	
Europe Gth	234.20	242.90†	+ 7.30	
-do- Accum	242.60	251.70†	+ 7.60	
Euro Smaller Cos	45.51	47.31	+ 1.10	
French Growth	98.51	102.40	+ 2.20	0.33
-do- Accum	106.50	110.70	+ 2.40	0.33
H Kong & China	93.53	97.22	+ 2.11	1.57
Intl Growth	68.17	70.86	+ 1.75	0.06
-do- Accum	69.12	71.85	+ 1.78	0.06
Japan Gth	33.26	34.57†	+ 0.72	
-do- Accum	33.26	34.57†	+ 0.72	
Japan Smaller Cos	41.96	43.61	+ 1.25	
Glob Emg Mkts	97.33	101.20†	+ 1.20	
-do- Accum	98.02	101.90†	+ 1.20	
SE Asia	341.30	354.80	+ 8.80	0.17
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	54.64	56.33†	+ 0.71	5.55
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010				
Sector Value Inc #	98.50	104.00	+ 1.70	3.88
Sector Value Gwth	99.40	105.00	+ 1.60	2.25
Hy 5 Europe	99.59	104.50	+ 2.10	2.85
Slater Gwth	151.50	159.90	+ 2.10	0.81
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	190.70	202.80	+ 6.30	
Income #	204.82	217.89†	+ 2.70	4.43
UK Growth	82.38	87.63†	+ 0.75	1.95
Intl Growth	90.72	96.51†	+ 1.60	0.44
Ecology	100.68	107.10	+ 0.97	1.09
European	196.93	209.49†	+ 2.12	
Far Eastern	313.80	333.50	+ 4.80	.
UK Special Sits	47.54	50.70	+ 0.99	.
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	100.10	103.40	+ 0.20	7.35
Gilt Yield	118.60	125.10	+ 0.40	6.57
Global Income	229.80	244.50†	+ 3.20	3.65
High Yield	149.50	159.00†	+ 1.70	5.64
-do- Accum	486.50	517.60†	+12.30	5.64
Smlr Cos Div	59.72	63.60†	− 0.02	3.47
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	148.00	157.40	+ 5.10	
Acton Growth	335.10	356.50	+ 3.90	0.23
-do- Accum	393.70	418.80	+ 5.60	0.23
North American	105.70	112.50	+ 4.10	0.73
European Special	125.50	133.50†	+ 3.40	1.25
European	180.80	192.30	+ 4.50	0.47
-do- Accum	239.20	254.50	+ 6.10	0.47
Global Eqty Inc	118.70	125.50†	+ 1.15	1.96
Japan	426.60	453.80	+10.27	
Japanese Special	235.66	251.30	+ 6.51	
Smaller Cos	140.60	149.60	+ 1.20	1.09
UK Equity Growth	48.73	51.10†	+ 0.54	1.33
UK Index Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 2.90	3.45
[illegible]	106.50	114.70		2.01
-do- Accum	109.50	116.90		2.01
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
[illegible] Income	134.32	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inc & Growth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 1.19	4.15
Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	− 0.14	1.13
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq 01452 371 500 Dlg 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	271.90	290.80	+ 2.50	1.79
High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 1.30	4.42
European Trust	86.57	92.09	+ 1.30	0.85
American Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 4.09	
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Eqty	430.4[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.45
UK Inc Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.03
UK Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.29
UK Sm Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.00
Euro Gwth	152.40	173.20	+ 3.50	0.46
N Amer Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 2.00	
Japan Growth	66.40	70.54	+ 1.07	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries 01277 227 300 Dealing 01277 690 395				
Equity Trust	[illegible]	561.70	[illegible]	2.85
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	+15.00	2.82
Equity Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.19
UK Tactical Allocation	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 0.49	4.12
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 2.70	1.51
Far Eastern	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 9.10	
Fixed Interest	53.65	[illegible]	+ 0.70	7.51
Gilt	90.09	[illegible]	+ 0.19	6.79
Global Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 1.57	1.02
Intl Bond	55.07	[illegible]	+ 0.79	5.67
Japanese	76.70	78.70	+ 1.76	
North American	236.10	255.10†	+ 9.40	0.68
Pacific Growth	[illegible]	128.40	− 0.20	0.02
UK Index	73.75	73.75	+ 0.47	3.31
UK Recovery	112.30	112.30	+ 1.60	2.22
UK Smaller Cos	[illegible]	157.50†	+ 1.00	1.10
US Index	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 3.06	1.40
European Index	91.07	91.07	+ 1.13	2.12
Japan Index	42.32	42.32	+ 1.31	
Worldwide	97.61	97.61	+ 1.26	1.43
LINCOLN FUND MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing 01452 371 623				
Growth	53.37	57.08	+ 0.57	2.15
Income	62.03	66.52†	+ 0.26	3.03
Far East	58.74	62.68	+ 1.26	0.07
North American	129.70	137.60	+ 4.90	
Global	109.00	116.50	+ 2.21	0.19
European	95.26	101.70	+ 1.50	0.64
Japan	105.50	118.00†	+ 2.10	
Intl Currency Bd	61.39	65.13	+ 0.72	4.29
SE Asia	111.50	119.29	+ 2.60	0.47
UK Gen Growth	97.25	104.00	− 0.02	1.69
Recovery Trust	89.32	95.05	+ 0.06	1.17
Managed	76.76	81.65	+ 0.75	0.60
Cash	50.96	50.96	+ 0.04	4.52
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk 01634 834 339 Dealing 01634 834 313				
Balanced	390.20	415.10	+ 2.90	2.40
-do- Accum	922.50	981.40	+11.50	2.40
Contl Euro Gth	63.05	67.40	+ 2.90	0.66
-do- Accum	89.38	94.09	+ 3.13	0.66
Extra Inc	275.60	293.20	+ 5.60	4.21
-do- Accum	754.40	802.60	+15.20	4.21
FTSE 100 Inc	114.30	121.70†	− 0.90	3.77
FTSE 100 Acc	119.40	127.10	[illegible]	3.77
German Gth	128.40	135.70	+ 1.25	
-do- Accum	145.20	152.90	+ 1.56	
Growth Port	659.00	701.10	+17.80	
-do- Accum	678.50	721.50	+18.70	
High Interest Inc	98.98	100.50†	− 0.30	7.69
High Interest Acc	101.20	104.90	− 0.40	7.69
Hi Reserve Inc #	104.90	111.60	+ 1.40	6.52
Hi Reserve Acc #	112.30	119.50	+ 1.50	6.52
Income	529.70	563.40	+ 4.00	3.45
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	+14.00	3.45
Income Port	543.70	578.50†	+ 8.20	4.57
-do- Accum	609.10	647.00	+13.10	4.57
Japan Growth	110.80	117.90	+ 2.00	
-do- Accum	111.30	118.30	+ 2.10	
Master Trust	66.56	70.81	+ 0.86	1.34
-do- Accum	76.85	81.76	+ 0.98	1.34
Millennium Acc	92.17	98.06		2.42
N American Gen	235.90	251.00†	+ 9.20	
-do- Accum	273.00	290.50	+10.70	
NAm Sm Co Acc	191.80	204.10	+ 7.30	
-do- Accum	195.70	208.20	+ 7.30	
Pacific Basin	263.50	280.40†	+ 2.50	0.14
-do- Accum	280.60	298.60	+ 2.60	0.14
Small Cos Acc	504.80	531.40	+15.20	1.67
-do- Accum	691.70	778.20	+20.90	1.67
UK Eq Gth	157.90	168.00	+ 1.90	2.74
UK Eq Inc	124.90	132.90	+ 2.50	4.18
UK Growth	102.90	107.40†	+ 1.20	2.04
-do- Accum	126.70	134.80	+ 1.50	2.04
Worldwide Gth	358.50	381.40	+ 8.50	
-do- Accum	529.90	563.80	+12.70	
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	85.24	91.29†	+ 3.46	0.40
General	103.03	110.54	+ 1.61	2.80
Income	71.34	76.54	+ 1.20	5.40
International	74.10	79.50	+ 1.64	0.50
Japan	61.10	65.55†	+ 1.28	
Tst of Inv Trusts	74.68	80.12	+ 0.62	1.10
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	508.70	537.50†	+17.70	0.42
-do- Accum	636.80	672.80†	+23.20	0.42
Amer Recovery	553.00	584.80	+23.70	0.35
-do- Accum	637.90	674.60	+27.40	0.35
Amer Smlr Cos	158.20	167.30†	+ 7.30	
-do- Accum	161.70	171.00†	+ 7.50	
Australasian	192.00	203.00	+ 2.40	2.74
-do- Accum	239.30	253.00	+ 3.10	2.74
Capital	968.50	1024.20	+10.40	2.96
-do- Accum	1141.10	1206.80	+12.20	2.96
Charifund	725.00	732.30†	+ 0.90	6.13
-do- Accum	3710.90	3748.10†	+52.90	6.13
Commodity	464.00	490.70	+ 7.50	0.44
-do- Accum	684.20	723.60	+11.00	0.44
Compound Grth	1060.90	1121.90	+12.40	3.04
-do- Accum	1157.40	1223.90	+13.60	3.04
Corporate Bond	24.98	25.07†	+ 0.09	7.70
Dividend	42.90	45.40	+ 1.00	4.82
-do- Accum	190.00	200.90	+ 4.00	4.82
Equity Income	342.40	362.10	+ 3.30	5.33
-do- Accum	463.70	490.50	+ 4.50	5.33
Euro & General	632.20	668.60†	+13.50	0.97
-do- Accum	811.90	858.80†	+17.40	0.97
Euro Dividend	80.10	84.70†	+ 1.50	3.62
-do- Accum	102.00	107.80†	+ 1.90	3.62
Extra Yield	451.60	477.60	+ 7.30	5.13
-do- Accum	1487.30	1573.10	+24.00	5.13
Far Eastern	383.60	405.70	+ 7.80	0.96
-do- Accum	511.70	541.20	+10.40	0.96
Fund of Inv Tsts	690.30	730.00	+ 4.10	1.95
-do- Accum	1324.90	1401.20	+ 7.90	1.95
General	66.10	69.90†	+ 1.00	3.95
-do- Accum	194.70	205.90†	+ 2.80	3.95
Gilt Income	60.98	61.06	+ 0.13	7.20
-do- Accum	182.07	182.33	+ 0.39	7.20
Gold	79.50	84.10†	+ 2.00	0.32
-do- Accum	95.10	100.60†	+ 2.40	0.32
High Income	31.60	33.40	+ 0.60	4.87
-do- Accum	135.00	142.90	+ 2.80	4.87
Intl Growth	91.30	96.40†	+ 2.00	0.71
-do- Accum	161.40	170.60†	+ 4.40	0.71
International Inc	109.90	116.20	+ 2.50	4.53
-do- Accum	172.10	181.90	+ 3.80	4.53
Japan & Gen	43.20	45.60	+ 0.90	
-do- Accum	46.40	49.00	+ 1.00	
Japan Smlr Cos	155.40	164.20	+ 1.80	
-do- Accum	156.40	165.40	+ 1.80	
Managed Gwth	26.70	28.20†	+ 0.40	1.77
Managed Income	29.10	30.60†	+ 0.40	4.36
Midland	61.40	64.90	+ 0.50	3.41
-do- Accum	212.90	225.30	+ 1.80	3.41
Pension Ex	1043.80	1069.90	+19.70	4.46
Recovery	46.80	49.30†	+ 0.60	2.96
-do- Accum	80.10	84.90†	+ 1.00	2.96
Second General	73.00	77.20†	+ 0.60	3.97
-do- Accum	198.00	209.40†	+ 1.70	3.97
Smaller Cos	71.80	75.90	− 0.20	3.32
-do- Accum	147.00	155.50	− 0.40	3.32
Treasury	25.11	25.15†	+ 0.01	5.58
Trustee	42.50	44.90	+ 0.40	4.89
-do- Accum	180.90	191.20	+ 1.80	4.89
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	99.66	106.02	+ 2.39	1.11
Intl Bond	65.99	69.34	+ 0.71	5.32
Intl Equity Growth	85.65	90.94	+ 1.78	0.84
N Amer Growth	131.79	140.14	+ 5.58	0.82
Special Sits Growth	26.64	28.34	+ 0.47	2.04
UK Growth	444.24	472.59	+ 7.31	2.68
-do- Accum	602.78	641.25	+ 9.92	2.68
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1468.90	1492.20	+24.00	2.90
Income #	1021.30	1037.50†	+15.80	4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4342				
Maldon General	160.20	164.10†		3.69
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
M & S Inv Ptflo	172.90	179.20†	+ 2.90	2.57
-do- Accum	206.30	212.70†	+ 3.50	2.57
UK Sel Ptflo	151.50	156.20	+ 2.40	2.56
-do- Accum	182.70	188.30	+ 2.90	2.56
UK 100 Cos	111.90	111.90	+ 2.20	2.88
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	73.91	78.62	+ 0.08	3.67
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	80.36	85.31	+ 1.53	1.72
European	105.20	111.70	+ 2.10	0.63
Income #	79.75	84.66†	+ 0.75	4.35
Nth American	91.41	97.04	+ 2.54	0.78
Far East	179.40	190.40	+ 3.70	0.30
Japan	65.19	69.20	+ 1.16	
Emgrg Mkts	87.64	93.71	+ 0.65	
Intl Growth	129.50	137.50	+ 2.90	0.82
UK Growth	119.90	127.30	+ 1.10	2.58
UK Smlr Co	60.21	63.92	+ 0.50	1.29
P Am Opps Fd	37.83	40.46	+ 0.68	0.31
Glob Gwth PEP	61.33	65.10	+ 1.26	1.29
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	101.00	107.50	+ 0.48	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	[illegible]	479.03	+ 7.21	4.61
Global Inc	74.98	79.77	+ 1.01	3.92
Nat Leaders	384.54	409.09	+ 6.31	3.51
Intl Leaders	228.26	242.83	+ 5.05	1.53
PAM Mkg Ed Gth	70.05	72.78	1.41	0.63
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	262.10	276.40	+ 9.90	
-do- Accum	280.30	295.50	+10.60	
American Opps	127.10	135.60	+ 5.40	
-do- Accum	128.70	137.30	+ 5.50	
Brit'h Blue Chip	93.03	98.75	+ 1.84	2.43
-do- Accum	118.40	125.70	+ 2.40	2.43
Cash	100.70	100.20†	+ 0.10	5.43
-do- Accum *	147.20	147.20†	+ 0.10	5.43
Emerging Mkt	126.30	136.40	+ 2.00	0.10
-do- Accum	128.40	138.10	+ 2.00	0.10
European Growth	320.10	339.30†	+ 9.80	0.13
-do- Accum	358.80	379.70†	+10.60	0.13
European Income	93.37	98.65†	+ 1.87	2.90
-do- Accum	134.70	142.10†	+ 3.10	2.90
General	586.90	624.20	+12.50	1.99
-do- Accum	1193.00	1268.00	+25.00	1.99
Global Bond	138.70	147.20	+ 1.70	5.87
-do- Accum	175.60	184.40	+ 2.10	5.87
Gold & General	241.40	258.20†	+ 4.60	0.35
-do- Accum	249.80	267.20†	+ 4.80	0.35
Govt Securities	92.64	95.52	+ 0.19	6.19
-do- Accum	194.20	200.20	+ 0.30	6.19
High Yield Bd	98.80	102.30	+ 0.10	7.36
-do- Accum	104.50	107.10	+ 0.10	7.36
Income	179.80	190.80†	+ 2.00	4.43
-do- Accum	296.60	314.80†	+ 5.50	4.43
Inc Portfolio #	109.80	116.20†	+ 1.40	4.93
-do- Accum #	118.60	125.50†	+ 1.40	4.93
Intl Opps	564.00	601.60	+11.00	0.15
-do- Accum	761.10	811.80	+14.80	0.15
Japan	179.70	191.90	+ 3.20	
-do- Accum	183.90	196.10	+ 3.40	
New Europe	230.00	245.30	+ 5.10	0.82
-do- Accum	239.70	255.30	+ 5.40	0.82
Pacific	118.50	126.40†	+ 2.60	0.81
-do- Accum	127.70	136.20†	+ 2.80	0.81
Recovery	421.60	449.70	+ 3.50	0.58
-do- Accum	553.70	590.10	+ 4.70	0.58
UK Smaller Cos	64.20	68.49	0.12	0.75
-do- Accum	73.41	78.10	− 0.13	0.75
Portfolio	92.19	97.76	+ 1.65	2.36
-do- Accum	112.60	119.30	+ 2.00	2.36
Managed Gth	118.40	124.00	+ 2.20	1.04
Managed Inc	117.60	122.00	+ 1.70	2.96
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Dist	153.33	163.12	+ 5.37	0.65
Portfolio	78.17	83.16†	+ 1.29	1.44
UK Income Inc	88.60	94.24	+ 1.24	4.61
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	67.39	70.57	+ 0.76	2.71
-do- Accum	73.79	77.26	+ 0.83	2.71
British Tst	100.50	105.20	+ 1.60	2.41
-do- Accum	129.10	135.80	+ 2.00	2.41
Corp Bond Inc	98.53	102.10†	1.70	7.06
-do- Accum	100.80	104.40†	+ 0.30	7.06
Extra High Inc	68.60	71.83†	+ 0.65	7.37
-do- Accum	144.70	151.50†	+ 1.40	7.37
FT-SE 100 Acc	65.52	68.60†	+ 1.07	3.18
FT-SE 100 Dist	61.81	64.72†	+ 1.01	3.18
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.76	58.03	+ 0.10	6.58
-do- Accum	175.20	182.30	+ 0.30	6.58
High Yield	230.30	241.00	+ 2.70	6.89
-do- Accum	624.40	653.80	+ 7.50	6.89
Income	304.30	318.60†	+ 2.80	5.12
-do- Accum	713.00	747.20†	+11.80	5.12
Money Market UT	49.21	49.21†	− 0.41	4.66
-do- Accum	82.42	82.42†	+ 0.12	4.66
Monthly Income	90.05	94.29†	+ 1.21	5.14
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	125.80	133.80†	+ 2.10	1.47
European Growth	129.70	137.50†	+ 2.40	0.01
Gilt & Fixed	97.41	103.30†	+ 0.20	5.37
Income	97.85	104.10†	+ 1.60	2.46
Japan Growth	53.46	56.66†	+ 0.12	
Managed	80.90	86.06†	− 0.95	2.04
Money Market	93.89	99.52†	− 0.18	4.04
North American	106.20	112.60†	− 2.20	0.40
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	114.40	121.70†	+ 1.90	1.45
European Growth	121.90	129.20†	+ 2.30	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	92.00	97.60†	+ 0.21	5.39
Income	95.97	102.10†	+ 1.60	2.51
Japan Growth	53.18	56.37†	+ 0.12	
Managed	77.29	82.22†	+ 0.90	2.02
Money Market	86.57	91.77†	+ 0.17	4.00
North American	96.07	101.80†	+ 2.00	0.48
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	113.60	120.90†	+ 1.90	1.45
European Growth	119.30	126.40†	+ 2.20	
Gilt & Fixed Int	84.20	89.32†	+ 0.15	5.53
Income	93.53	99.50†	+ 1.54	2.57
Japan Growth	54.38	57.64†	+ 0.12	
Managed	79.92	85.02†	+ 0.92	2.04
Money Market	79.99	84.78†	+ 0.12	4.11
North American	107.50	113.90†	+ 2.20	0.37
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	14.77	15.65	+ 0.13	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	448.90	477.30†	+17.60	
European Gth Inc	594.20	636.40†	+17.20	
-do- Accum	600.60	643.30†	+17.40	
Intl Gwth	230.90	245.30	+ 7.30	
UK Equity Inc	215.60	229.20	+ 3.30	3.65
Do. Accum	288.90	307.40	+ 4.30	3.65
UK Ind Trck Inc	184.00	196.40†	− 0.50	2.56
-do- Accum	227.60	243.00†	+ 3.10	2.56
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	269.00	284.80	+10.10	0.87
Japan Tracker	77.00	81.20	+ 1.87	
Asian Trader	229.40	241.10	+ 5.50	0.14
Mngd Ptflo Inc	184.80	196.40†	+ 1.80	2.01
Mngd Ptflo Acc	200.80	214.30†	+ 2.00	2.01
Deposit Inc	100.25	100.25	+ 0.07	5.23
Europa	294.10	316.20†	+ 3.60	
Genesis	208.10	224.90	+ 0.40	2.48
High Income	20.72	21.98†	+ 0.22	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	106.90	109.30	+ 1.60	2.18
Acumen Inc	97.94	100.10	+ 1.44	2.18
Acumen Reserve	93.51	94.34†	+ 0.43	7.63
-do- Inc	73.22	73.96†	+ 0.35	7.63
American Growth	71.11	72.95†	+ 3.76	
Equity Income #	101.30	104.00	+ 1.50	4.69
European	82.59	84.28	+ 2.27	0.66
Smaller Cos	91.26	95.51	+ 0.81	1.16
W'wide Eqty	78.76	80.47†	+ 3.34	
Global Bond	45.58	46.08	+ 0.07	5.75
UK Growth	109.20	112.10	+ 1.40	1.69
Pacific Growth	118.00	121.60†	+ 3.00	0.60
Japan Growth	104.50	106.20†	+ 2.40	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	141.90	150.96†	+ 2.09	2.89
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 839 8262				
UK Growth	85.31	90.75†	+ 1.04	2.43
UK Income	121.31	129.05	+ 2.35	4.29
Higher Income	230.97	245.71†	+ 3.80	4.48
Smaller Cos	106.88	113.70	+ 3.76	1.42
International	110.10	117.12	+ 1.65	1.40
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0177 623 4200				
American Dist	127.60	135.70	+ 4.00	0.10
European Dist	147.60	157.00	+ 3.70	0.30
Far East Dist	201.00	213.80†	+ 3.30	.
Global Care Dist	84.98	90.40	+ 1.38	0.36
Oseas Dist	1193.00	1268.10	+30.10	.
-do- Accum	1548.40	1647.20	+39.00	
UK Dist	408.00	434.00	+ 5.60	2.13
-do- Accum	829.80	881.70	+11.60	2.13
UK Extra Inc Dist	91.35	97.18†	1.01	7.90
Wwide Dist	123.80	131.70	+ 3.30	
Wwide Inc Dist	88.29	93.93	+ 1.74	1.38
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	77.04	81.31	+ 2.18	0.74
Fund of Funds Inc	68.81	72.62†	+ 0.87	1.79
North America Inc	66.57	70.26	+ 2.46	0.36
UK Equity Grth Inc	66.61	70.30	+ 1.47	2.87
-do- Accum	71.70	75.67	+ 1.57	2.87
UK General Inc	65.91	69.56	+ 0.48	2.93
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	48.50	51.10†	+ 0.17	6.58
UK Income Inc	63.71	67.24†	+ 0.28	4.31
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	53.08	56.38	+ 2.74	
-do- Accum	53.41	56.81	+ 2.74	.
Bond	126.15	133.88	+ 1.20	5.68
Cash Income	50.46	50.46	+ 0.04	5.29
-do- Accum	68.59	68.50	+ 0.05	5.29
Distribution	100.05	106.43	+ 1.72	3.02
European	55.99	59.56	+ 1.49	
Foundation	106.83	113.64	+ 1.70	2.79
General Inc	212.88	226.46†	+ 3.47	1.50
General Acc	215.00	228.72†	+ 3.51	1.50
Global	380.44	404.72	+11.51	
Growth Inc	140.60	149.57	+ 2.22	2.49
Growth Acc	142.52	151.61	+ 2.26	2.49
Higher Income Inc	30.88	32.85	+ 0.73	4.86
-do- Accum	36.93	39.28	+ 0.87	4.84
Income	255.36	271.65†	+ 3.82	3.54
Intrepid	145.38	149.35		1.86
Japan	28.44	30.25†	+ 0.45	
Oriental Inc	154.48	164.33†	+ 1.73	0.76
-do- Accum	160.15	170.37†	+ 2.60	0.76
Plus Int Gwth	36.51	38.83	+ 0.63	
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	46.52	49.24†	+ 0.61	6.56
Managed	110.20	116.60	+ 0.10	2.52
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	140.52	147.92	+ 2.31	1.04
UK Equity	162.88	171.45	+ 2.40	2.96
UK Equity Income	145.80	153.47	+ 2.75	3.41
UK Smaller Cos	131.66	138.59†	− 0.49	1.47
UK Equity Growth	146.24	153.94	+ 0.97	1.15
UK Index Trckg	164.60	173.72	+ 3.58	3.54
Intl Index Trckg	172.21	181.75	+ 5.27	1.00
International	278.44	295.09	+ 7.11	0.72
European	252.67	265.97	+ 5.71	0.35
Pan European	168.09	176.94	+ 4.80	1.37
Nth American	233.77	246.07	+ 7.98	0.14
N Amer Smlr Cos	236.31	249.38†	+ 6.41	
Japanese	98.92	104.13†	+ 1.99	
Pacific	248.88	261.99†	+ 5.20	0.45
South East Asian	283.08	297.98	+ 7.00	0.56
Intl Bond	138.24	145.52†	+ 7.06	5.12
Gilt & Convertible	107.39	113.04†	+ 0.30	5.57
Property	81.57	85.86†	+ 0.05	5.75
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	365.90	394.30	+ 6.80	0.14
-do- Accum	388.60	418.40	+ 7.30	0.14
Japan Inc	116.10	123.90	+ 1.10	
Nth American Inc	132.60	141.10†	+ 6.10	0.83
Worldwide Inc	179.30	191.30	+ 4.10	0.15
Hong Kong Inc	166.50	178.80†	+ 7.10	1.26
Swiss Equities Inc	89.48	95.64	+ 0.92	
Wwide Bond Inc	68.22	72.16	+ 0.73	5.43
Emrging Asia Inc	202.30	219.90	+ 3.70	
-do- Accum	203.00	220.80	+ 3.70	
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.01	50.01†	0.50	5.93
Thailand Inc	150.40	164.40	+ 2.00	1.38
New Zealand Inc	98.58	106.10	+ 0.70	2.92
Int Mngd PEP Inc	70.08	75.08	+ 1.30	1.31
Latin Am Cmp Inc	65.15	69.90	+ 1.08	
UK All Sh Idx Inc	67.55	68.66	+ 0.83	2.85
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Traders	87.23	93.29	+ 0.98	
Global Portfolio	78.64	84.11	+ 1.04	.
Global Opps	68.94	73.73	+ 0.21	
Marsh Global Gth	68.74	72.89	+ 0.24	
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	101.30	108.70	+ 0.90	
Temple Equity Inc	45.86	49.72†	+ 0.21	4.16
Hartley Growth	109.60	116.60†	+ 0.90	0.38
Intl Growth Inc	88.76	94.93	+ 0.44	0.84
IPS Portfolio Inc	91.14	97.48	0.44	
Premier Pertns Inc	70.91	75.84†	+ 0.05	1.39
Hosborough Strat Gth	80.69	86.30	+ 0.46	0.29
International Strat	83.65	89.46	+ 0.15	
UFC Ind-Act Grth	61.66	65.94	+ 0.54	
Chartwell Port of Fds	54.95	59.70	+ 0.33	
Lowes Intl Growth	51.40	54.10†	+ 0.82	
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	238.90	254.10	+ 4.91	1.22
European Gth	128.70	136.80	+ 2.70	0.65
Income & Gth #	156.00	166.00	+ 0.90	2.89
Japan Gth	119.60	126.20	+ 2.50	
Nth Amer Gth	204.00	217.00	+ 6.00	
Overseas Gth	121.70	129.50	+ 2.70	0.06
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 620 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	268.10	285.20	+ 3.40	2.62
-do- Accum	586.80	624.20	+ 7.50	2.62
Growth	174.90	186.00	+ 3.50	2.40
Income	260.70	276.80	+ 0.20	3.75
Intl Equity	288.00	306.30	+ 6.70	0.71
-do- Accum	320.00	341.00	+ 7.40	0.71
UK Income	71.70	76.27†	+ 1.02	3.35
UK Ind 25	91.11	96.93	+ 1.39	2.17
New Europe	101.70	108.10	+ 2.40	0.74
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	692.97	740.99	+23.51	0.53
-do- Accum	695.69	743.89	+23.59	0.53
Income	423.85	453.22	+14.73	3.79
Wwide Recovery	402.27	431.20	+14.06	0.68
Amer Growth Inc	306.89	327.43	+13.72	0.01
-do- Accum	306.89	327.43	+13.72	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	295.58	316.13	+ 7.08	0.17
Far East Gwth Inc	311.59	333.14	+ 4.45	0.82
-do- Accum	312.62	334.36	+ 4.48	0.82
Euro Gwth Inc	181.19	193.37	+ 7.65	0.74
-do- Accum	181.82	194.04	+ 7.68	0.74
UK Growth Inc	112.43	120.21	+ 3.66	2.81
-do- Accum	120.74	129.14	+ 3.93	2.81
High Income	110.44	118.12†	+ 3.50	4.05
Jap Gwth Inc	220.54	235.30	+ 4.15	0.28
-do- Accum	230.54	245.30	+ 4.15	0.28
PTP Bond	51.68	54.03	+ 0.12	7.97
PEP Growth	146.35	156.45	+ 5.28	1.01
Asian Sh Mkt Inc	137.41	146.97	+ 2.18	0.27
-do- Accum	137.73	147.31	+ 2.18	0.27
Amer Smlr Co Inc	192.81	206.22	+ 7.87	0.01
-do- Accum	192.81	206.22	+ 7.87	0.01
Global Bond	57.96	61.06	+ 0.70	5.10
UK Smaller Cos Inc	106.16	113.55†	+ 0.29	1.55
-do- Accum	113.12	120.99	+ 0.31	1.56
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	131.84	140.26	+ 2.83	
European	93.23	99.18	+ 1.16	
Global	69.43	73.86†	+ 0.34	
Pacific	62.31	66.29	− 0.25	
UK Inc & Gth	77.98	82.96	+ 0.30	2.05
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Emerg Mkts	50.14	53.08†	+ 1.00	0.98
Fund of Funds Inc	190.45	201.54	+ 0.08	0.59
Fund of Funds Acc	191.78	202.94	+ 0.08	0.59
High Income #	53.58	56.70†	+ 0.06	5.73
Performance	46.77	49.75	+ 0.17	
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	167.79	178.57†	+ 0.85	2.12
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries 0171 280 3700 Dealing 0800 262 443				
American Income	117.90	125.40†	+ 4.50	3.17
Conv & Gilt	117.20	124.00	+ 0.40	5.09
European Income	90.02	95.77	+ 2.73	2.94
Extra Income	178.10	189.40†	+ 2.40	4.72
-do- Accum	229.80	244.40	+ 3.10	4.72
Far East	432.80	460.40	+ 8.90	
-do- Accum	441.90	470.10	+ 9.20	
Global Income	28.50	30.32†	+ 0.53	5.41
High Income	133.60	142.10	+ 1.40	4.51
-do- Accum	168.50	179.30	+ 1.90	4.51
International	218.30	232.20	+ 5.40	0.56
-do- Accum	226.10	240.80	+ 5.70	0.56
Pref & Fxd Int	43.44	46.21†	+ 0.11	7.37
Recovery	87.27	92.84	+ 0.52	1.37
Special Sits	142.40	151.50	− 0.60	1.45
-do- Accum	157.80	167.90	− 0.70	1.45
Technology	683.50	727.10	+27.50	
UK Blue Chip	85.61	91.07	+ 1.18	3.13
-do- Accum	98.38	104.70	+ 1.40	3.13
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq. 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	45.52	47.17	+ 0.66	1.74
Cash Haven Inc	101.72	102.22†	+ 0.08	5.03
Cash Haven Acc	118.10	118.68†	+ 0.08	5.03
Dist Trust Inc	103.95	107.72†	+ 1.04	6.44
Dist Trust Acc	116.49	120.72†	+ 1.17	6.44
Global Growth	104.06	110.70†	+ 1.88	1.43
Equity Inc	87.98	93.60†	+ 0.70	4.67
Equity	849.83	904.07	+11.89	2.41
European	269.97	279.76	+ 7.09	0.76
High Income	90.78	96.57†	+ 0.64	5.42
Intl Gth	220.64	234.72†	+ 5.22	0.73
Intl Sm Co	97.26	103.47	+ 2.30	0.65
Japanese	229.08	237.39	+ 5.67	
Nth Amer	234.30	242.83†	+ 3.08	1.27
Pacific Mkts	115.09	119.26†	+ 1.06	0.70
Premier Inc	48.00	49.96†	+ 0.08	6.61
Sm Cos	109.24	116.21	0.28	1.74
Spec Sits	123.07	130.93†	+ 1.69	2.70
UK Growth	143.94	153.13	+ 1.98	2.32
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
HI Inc Inv Inc	80.69	84.86	+ 0.90	3.93
Investment Trust	111.48	117.22	+ 1.15	
UK Smaller Cos	107.65	113.30†	+ 0.68	1.23
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	331.20	351.30	+ 6.30	3.54
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
Five Arrows Funds				
FA America (Inc)	648.91	689.67†	+24.77	0.12
FA America (Acc)	760.46	808.23	+29.04	0.12
FA Amer Smlr Cos	57.32	61.39	+ 1.38	
FA Asia	55.56	59.64	+ 1.37	
FA European	417.61	443.39	+ 8.27	0.46
FA Japan	245.60	261.34	+ 5.74	
FA Jap Smlr Cos	45.69	48.75	+ 1.18	.
FA Mjor UK Cos	113.04	120.57	+ 2.48	2.00
FA Smlr UK Cos	397.70	427.55	+ 4.27	0.84
FA UK Equity Inc	180.45	192.60	+ 4.40	3.52
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	50.90	53.15†	− 0.52	
Cash	48.19	50.19†	+ 0.03	3.15
Emerging Mkts	48.73	50.89†	0.18	.
Europe	61.57	64.30†	+ 0.45	
Global Fixed Int #	51.96	54.26†	+ 0.04	5.69
Japan	45.24	47.24†	+ 0.67	
North America	66.32	69.26†	+ 1.52	
UK	62.71	65.49†	+ 0.50	0.54
UK Equity Inc #	59.53	62.17†	+ 0.72	4.18
UK Fixed Int #	50.61	52.85†	+ 0.09	6.35
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Grth Port	50.49	52.32	+ 0.47	
Pep Inc Port #	48.94	50.71	+ 0.49	4.18
RAM Personal Pension				
Deposit	89.61	94.32	+ 0.08	
Gilt	99.23	104.45	+ 0.67	
Managed	115.51	121.59	+ 1.36	
Portfolio	49.46	52.06	+ 0.48	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	115.40	122.80	+ 3.40	0.25
Pacific Basin	82.67	88.69	+ 0.80	0.26
High Inc Dist	152.40	162.70	+ 2.40	4.05
Ryl Life Int Cnty	64.53	68.18	+ 0.34	3.80
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	78.09	83.19†	+ 1.52	0.12
Ryl Life Intl Spec	73.37	78.05	+ 0.70	
UK Emerging Cos	140.80	152.20	− 1.00	1.36
UK Index Trckg	190.70	202.70	+ 2.39	3.08
European	169.70	181.90	+ 2.50	0.26
Managed	176.50	189.70	+ 2.00	1.04
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	191.10	203.20†	+ 6.00	1.61
European Growth	138.70	147.00	+ 2.60	2.20
Far East Growth	142.80	153.00†	− 0.90	1.76
Japan Growth	134.40	142.90	+ 2.70	
Special Sits	232.30	247.10	− 0.80	1.15
UK Growth	96.29	102.40	+ 1.30	1.88
Triton General	286.60	304.90	+ 5.40	1.45
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	178.10	188.50	+ 3.50	0.63
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	408.50	432.30	+ 7.80	0.40
-do- Accum	638.40	675.60	+12.20	0.40
Growth Inc	155.50	164.60	+ 2.80	0.48
-do- Accum	158.50	168.80	+ 2.90	0.48
International Inc	404.60	428.10	+ 6.90	0.44
-do- Accum	559.40	592.00	+11.50	0.44
Nth Am & Intl Inc	390.90	413.70	+12.50	0.59
UK Gen Prog Inc	249.70	264.20	+ 5.10	1.11
-do- Accum	286.00	302.60	+ 5.80	1.11
UK High Inc Inc	144.00	152.40	+ 2.40	4.77
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	121.91	129.68	+ 2.66	0.75
European Gwth	90.26	96.01	+ 2.05	1.00
Global Bd	61.83	65.32	+ 0.50	5.00
Japan	57.55	61.22	+ 1.49	
UK Gwth	88.37	94.00	+ 1.15	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	89.33	95.03	+ 2.62	3.18
Amer Smllr Cos	146.10	155.40	+ 8.30	
Capital Portfolio	148.80	158.30	+ 2.00	0.95
Cash	134.30	134.30	+ 0.14	5.33
China Dragon	62.77	66.78	+ 1.35	1.34
Commodity	148.40	157.90	+ 3.10	
Emerging Mkts	37.41	39.80	+ 0.37	0.30
Energy Inds	160.90	171.20	+ 1.50	
European Gwth	236.00	251.10	+ 3.30	0.29
Euro Inc & Gwth #	95.85	101.80†	+ 1.50	1.66
Euro Smllr Cos	74.95	79.73	+ 1.07	0.33
Exempt Income #	150.00	152.80†	+ 0.90	3.78
Extra Income #	54.80	56.58†	− 0.37	6.26
Far Eastern	114.00	121.30	+ 3.20	
FE Sm Cos	46.37	49.33	+ 0.50	
Financial Secs	282.00	300.00	+ 8.50	0.84
Gold & Exploration	108.20	115.10	+ 2.00	
Growth	411.80	413.90	+ 5.90	1.71
High Income #	48.39	48.39†	− 0.55	7.58
High Yield #	253.50	269.70	+ 3.00	3.08
Intl Bond	172.30	181.90	+ 2.50	5.86
ITU	232.60	247.40	+ 1.80	0.67
Income #	128.30	136.50†	− 0.50	3.75
Japan Growth	185.10	196.80	+ 4.30	
Japan Smaller	200.70	213.50	+ 4.10	
Korea	57.71	61.39	+ 1.39	
Latin America	40.29	42.86†	+ 1.25	0.34
Mcstarlund	65.51	65.84	+ 1.78	0.92
Premier Eq Gth	152.90	162.70	+ 2.10	1.08
Premier Eq Inc #	344.90	365.90	+ 4.00	3.49
Scotyields #	273.20	290.60	+ 3.50	2.34
Select Intl	156.40	165.30	+ 3.80	0.57
Smaller Cos Inc #	259.60	276.20	− 1.00	3.60
SE Asia	52.23	55.56	+ 1.08	0.08
Southern Africa	56.61	60.22†	− 0.26	1.35
UK & O seas	193.60	206.00	+ 2.60	1.08
UK Eqty Gth	77.61	82.56	+ 0.94	1.56
UK Eqty Inc #	245.10	260.70†	+ 3.30	4.12
UK Gth & Inc #	278.30	296.10†	+ 3.40	3.40
UK Sm Cos	59.12	62.80	+ 0.23	1.27
US Growth	207.60	220.90	+ 8.00	
Univ Growth	158.80	168.90	+ 3.90	0.72
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Cnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	325.04	343.85	+ 6.97	0.88
-do- Accum	358.49	379.21	+ 7.68	0.88
European Gwth	89.72	95.06	+ 0.89	0.80
Euro Smlr Cos	111.81	118.93	+ 1.05	0.29
Far Eastern Gth	110.89	118.28†	+ 0.99	
-do- Accum	113.03	120.56†	+ 1.00	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	52.78	55.08	− 0.02	7.44
Global Bond #	51.30	52.90†	+ 0.21	6.72
-do- Accum #	61.00	63.03†	+ 0.25	6.72
Global Emer Mkts	56.49	60.25	− 0.24	
-do- Accum	56.54	60.30	− 0.25	
Income #	400.55	427.25	+ 3.95	5.03
-do- Accum #	£13.26	£14.15	+13.11	5.03
Japan Smlr Cos	474.01	505.61†	+ 1.98	
-do- Accum	474.96	506.62†	+ 1.99	
Japan Enterprise	69.42	74.04	+ 0.43	
Pacific Gwth	154.58	164.88†	+ 0.50	0.53
-do- Accum	160.12	170.80†	+ 0.53	0.53
Portfolio	92.21	98.36†	+ 0.32	2.05
-do- Accum	102.55	109.37†	+ 0.46	2.05
Seoul	48.21	51.50	+ 0.57	
-do- Accum	48.29	51.50	+ 0.57	
Smaller Cos	304.53	324.83	− 0.99	0.80
Strategic Inc	98.31	104.54†	− 0.96	2.32
Strategic Acc	99.50	106.12†	+ 0.53	2.32
Tokyo	132.00	140.79	+ 2.25	
-do- Accum	133.33	142.21	+ 2.27	
UK Enterprise	320.32	341.67†	− 0.99	2.31
-do- Accum	395.94	422.22†	− 1.22	2.31
UK Equity	289.80	309.12†	+ 2.24	2.69
-do- Accum	585.76	624.81†	+ 3.37	2.69
US Smlr Cos	217.88	232.40	+ 2.56	
-do- Accum	217.88	232.40	+ 2.56	
Institutional Funds				
European	286.16	296.77†	+ 2.47	2.09
-do- Accum	322.16	333.41†	+ 2.79	2.08
Euro Smlr Cos	37.21	39.75	+ 0.22	1.29
-do- Accum	40.04	41.69	+ 0.24	1.29
Global Equity Inc	90.62	94.19	+ 1.03	1.05
Japan Smlr Cos	40.47	42.15†	+ 0.17	0.11
-do- Accum	40.86	42.56†	+ 0.18	0.11
Mngd Balanced	220.24	229.41	+ 1.05	3.21
-do- Accum	256.79	267.49	+ 1.23	3.21
Overseas Equity	218.70	227.81†	+ 1.93	1.33
-do- Accum	229.41	239.04†	+ 2.02	1.33
Oseas Smlr Cos	149.92	156.12	+ 0.57	0.54
-do- Accum	157.99	164.57	+ 0.61	0.34
Pacific	274.71	285.15	+ 1.14	1.42
-do- Accum	304.54	317.22	+ 1.26	1.42
Recovery	£22.85	£23.80†	+ 4.91	3.05
-do- Accum	£25.14	£26.79†	+ 5.40	3.05
UK Index	177.23	184.61	+ 0.72	3.53
-do- Accum	225.94	235.34	+ 0.91	3.53
UK Small Cos	138.31	144.07	0.52	2.47
-do- Accum	151.84	158.15	− 0.58	2.47
US Smlr Cos	63.14	65.77	− 0.62	0.51
-do- Accum	64.66	67.36	− 0.69	0.51
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2300				
Equity Income	56.43	59.02	0.91	3.12
Equity Trust	73.68	77.32	+ 0.75	2.72
Equity Strategy	87.35	92.12	+ 0.41	1.42
European Opps	106.00	112.09	+ 1.26	0.50
UK Smaller Cos	79.68	83.26	0.27	0.54
Maximum Inc	98.09	100.55	2.76	5.03
Japanese	62.13	66.42	+ 0.44	
Asia Pacific	127.70	135.04	+ 3.16	0.77
American	130.68	138.19	+ 4.52	0.35
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	33.01	33.03	+ 0.02	5.75
UK General Inc	59.85	63.67	+ 1.17	2.82
-do- Accum	80.97	86.14	+ 1.21	2.82
Intl Income	299.37	319.21	+ 6.77	1.66
-do- Accum	525.15	569.95	+11.87	1.66
European	101.71	108.29	+ 2.40	2.01
Japan	71.40	75.61	+ 1.57	
American	93.24	99.62	+ 3.71	1.67
Far East	91.57	97.62	+ 1.50	1.42
Ethical Inc	38.24	40.70†	+ 0.20	1.33
UK Blue Chip Inc	38.23	40.70†	0.96	3.27
High Inc Inc	40.71	43.42	+ 0.45	3.63
UK Global Inc	47.00	50.08†	+ 0.56	2.73
Wwide Tact	82.24	87.00	+ 1.95	1.18
Europe 2000 Tact	70.07	74.49	+ 1.71	1.72
Technology	148.55	158.45	+ 5.26	0.59
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	461.91	492.80	+ 6.30	2.91
American	341.50	362.00	+14.40	0.45
Pacific	422.20	451.50	+10.40	0.26
European	689.20	737.10	+16.90	1.11
Worldwide	103.50	110.70	+ 2.20	0.51
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	316.40	336.70	+ 4.50	2.13
-do- Accum	414.70	441.20	+ 5.90	2.13
UK Sh Co Eq Inc	269.40	286.00	0.10	1.24
-do- Accum	331.40	352.60	− 0.10	1.24
Select Oppty Inc	82.67	88.42	+ 1.26	1.94
Income Plus Inc	80.74	85.90	+ 1.53	3.29
European Inc	436.20	464.10	+13.10	0.95
-do- Accum	497.60	529.40	+14.90	0.95
Far Eastern Inc	186.10	198.06	+ 3.40	0.82
-do- Accum	214.50	228.20	+ 3.90	0.82
Japanese Inc	64.40	68.59	+ 1.63	
Nth American Inc	312.00	332.00	+14.70	0.30
-do- Accum	344.90	367.00	+16.20	0.30
Intl Growth Inc	233.80	248.80	+ 6.90	0.42
Wwide Venture Inc	95.50	101.70	+ 3.08	0.24
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 688 3724				
Equity Inc	433.00	461.80	+ 4.80	2.39
-do- Accum	656.70	700.30	+ 7.40	2.39
UK High Inc	206.50	220.20	+ 3.50	2.86
-do- Accum	314.80	335.70	+ 5.20	2.86
Europe Inc	467.50	498.60	+ 7.30	0.75
Nth Amer Inc	314.00	334.90	+13.90	.
Global Inc	262.90	280.30	+ 5.90	0.19
Global Acc	283.10	302.00	+ 6.50	0.19
UK Spec Sits Inc	125.70	134.00	+ 1.60	1.81
South East Asia	239.90	255.80		0.55
Cash Trust Inc	100.70	100.70	+ 0.10	5.05
UK Smlr Cos Inc	121.50	129.50	− 1.90	1.62
-do- Accum	127.70	136.20	− 0.60	1.62
Intl Bond Inc	95.34	101.20	+ 0.40	5.20
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	160.60	169.10†	+ 3.70	0.70
Nth American	137.70	144.90†	+ 6.40	
Intl Bond & Conv	128.00	134.70	+ 0.60	6.62
Pooled Pension (E)	225.20	242.20†	− 0.10	1.97
Smaller Cos	112.80	118.70	− 0.20	0.82
UK Federal #	157.30	165.60	+ 1.90	2.28
Far Eastern	100.60	105.90	.	
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	124.44		+ 4.98	
Aztec ‡	68.79	.	+ 0.93	
European ‡	166.94		+ 3.90	.
Global Bond ‡	92.64		+ 1.66	8.09
Investment Trust ‡	113.36		+ 0.78	0.98
Preferred Income ‡	106.77		+ 0.19	4.91
Samurai ‡	60.61		+ 0.49	
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.41		+ 0.04	4.70
UK Growth ‡	108.21		+ 1.42	2.41
Tai Pan ‡	104.56	.	+ 0.35	
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	112.36		− 0.06	2.37
UK Equity Inc ‡	110.13		+ 0.78	4.86
Glob Gwth PEP	76.95	81.86	+ 1.81	1.17
Pref Inc PEP #	100.20	106.30†	+ 1.00	5.64
Inv Trust PEP	56.83	60.45	+ 0.28	
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	437.00	462.50	+ 3.00	
Capital	141.60	151.30†	+ 0.10	1.30
Cash	101.62	101.62	+ 0.07	5.27
European	159.30	168.60	+ 2.30	0.83
Far Eastern	162.90	172.30	+ 1.80	
Growth	156.10	165.10†	+ 2.00	1.10
Income #	135.00	142.80	+ 2.00	5.10
Magnum	151.20	161.60†	+ 0.90	1.33
Smlr Secs	525.40	555.90	.	0.53
Thoroughbred	176.50	188.80†	+ 0.90	1.19
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Cntrld Prisonce	55.90	59.78†	− 1.27	7.00
Ethical	82.06	87.75	+ 0.39	0.91
European Growth	82.61	87.79	+ 1.36	1.20
Income	59.95	64.11	+ 0.43	3.90
Intl Growth	113.80	121.00	+ 2.00	1.24
Managed	93.25	99.35	+ 1.45	2.01
UK Growth	75.65	80.91†	+ 0.34	1.85
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	45.41	45.64†	+ 0.32	1.61
Global Advtg Acc	48.51	49.78	+ 0.67	1.61
Income Advtg Inc	34.46	34.64	+ 0.52	3.38
Income Advtg Acc	40.00	40.21	+ 0.60	3.38
UK Equity Gth Acc	95.09	100.80	+ 1.36	1.15
Premier Inc Inc	48.69	51.25	+ 0.10	7.29
Premier Inc Acc	51.43	54.14	+ 0.11	7.29
Managed Acc	60.81	64.46	+ 0.97	1.48
UK Eq HI Inc Inc	39.70	42.09	+ 0.72	4.09
UK Eq HI Inc Acc	51.98	55.10	+ 0.94	4.09
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	74.76	79.44	+ 0.96	2.26
UK Equity Gen Inc	54.04	57.42	+ 0.69	2.26
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	31.78	33.61	+ 0.12	6.64
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	365.00	396.10	+ 9.10	1.38
Nth American Acc	56.33	59.86	+ 1.80	.
Pacific Basin	44.93	47.74	+ 0.17	0.55
European Acc	60.10	63.86	+ 1.03	0.69
Japan Acc	28.16	29.92	+ 0.78	
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	4.389	4.662	+ 0.02	1.94
US Eqts (US$)	3.145	3.339	+ 0.05	0.75
Far East Eqts (yen)	273.30	290.30	+ 0.60	
FT Europe	150.40	159.70	+ 2.30	0.67
FT N Amer (US$)	2.370	2.517	+ 0.04	0.28
FT Japan (yen)	236.00	250.20	− 0.90	..
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	2.782	2.955	− 0.01	0.56
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	511.50	542.00	+19.90	
British #	1258.90	1331.90	+ 7.30	2.83
Emrging Mkts	163.20	173.80	+ 2.30	0.81
Euro Small Co	66.83	71.17	+ 1.03	0.68
Japan	143.10	151.90	+ 3.80	
New Pacific	440.10	468.70†	+ 6.70	1.03
-do- Accum	473.50	504.30	+ 7.20	1.03
Inv Trust Acc	297.30	315.20	+ 2.80	0.87
Mngd Equity	201.60	213.30†	+ 1.70	1.57
Mngd Cash	95.71	95.71†	+ 0.07	5.49
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	1036.00	1109.00	+11.00	1.54
North America	193.50	207.00	+ 8.10	
Far East	173.40	185.50	+ 3.20	
Wwide Bond	60.86	64.62	+ 0.60	4.61
European	135.30	144.70	+ 3.10	0.95
Equity Income #	102.90	110.10	+ 1.90	4.19
Portfolio	108.20	115.70	+ 2.10	1.20
UK Leading Cos	74.03	78.97	+ 1.26	2.55
High Inc Bond	49.98	50.07†	− 0.61	6.63
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	75.98	81.26†	+ 0.33	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Antares UT	23.82	25.35†	+ 0.49	0.63
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	95.72	101.83	+ 0.22	7.31
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	96.94	103.13†	+ 0.23	7.31
European	48.65	51.76†	+ 1.40	0.51
High Income	34.62	36.83	+ 0.33	4.15
Japan	36.81	39.16†	+ 1.14	0.01
Managed Assets	140.47	150.24†	+ 2.19	2.65
North American	43.16	45.92†	+ 1.38	0.69
Smlr Co's Inc	36.34	38.66	+ 0.04	1.87
Smlr Co's Acc	39.58	42.11†	+ 0.04	1.87
UK Growth Inc	61.79	65.74†	+ 0.83	2.92
UK Growth Acc	69.62	74.07†	+ 0.93	2.92
UK Income	43.57	46.60	+ 0.58	3.69
Worldwide Gth	41.14	44.00	+ 1.08	0.05
SLCAM				
Asian & Oceanic Ex	32.80	33.82	+ 0.69	1.74
European Exmpt	98.82	101.88	+ 2.70	1.82
Japan Exempt	30.83	31.79	+ 0.91	0.09
US Exmpt	94.49	97.42	+ 3.66	1.48
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	57.29	60.85	+ 0.39	
Cap Protector Inc	47.07	50.07	+ 0.94	2.78
UK Income Inc	58.06	61.77	+ 1.30	3.18
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	34.88	37.02†	+ 0.37	5.66
Mngd High Yld Inc	86.28	91.79†	+ 0.51	4.39
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	83.93	89.29	+ 1.69	3.27
UK Smaller Cos	39.74	42.28	− 0.01	1.73
Pacific Gth Port	52.27	55.61	+ 1.77	0.68
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	294.12	311.24†	+ 8.14	
-do- Accum	323.96	342.82†	+ 8.97	
Brit Growth	114.79	121.47	+ 1.38	2.00
-do- Accum	141.51	149.75	+ 1.70	2.00
European	128.94	136.44	+ 2.86	
-do- Accum	137.23	145.22	+ 3.05	
Extra Income	203.14	214.96	+ 4.02	4.11
-do- Accum	362.89	384.01	+ 7.19	4.11
Smaller Cos	88.42	93.57	+ 0.05	0.64
-do- Accum	100.88	106.75	+ 0.05	0.64
General	337.86	357.52†	+ 3.54	2.23
-do- Accum	722.12	764.15†	+ 7.57	2.23
Premier Income	50.59	52.69†	+ 0.14	6.62
-do- Accum	125.64	130.88†	+ 0.35	6.63
Income	360.92	381.93	+ 6.84	3.55
-do- Accum	835.09	883.70	+15.83	3.55
Pacific	439.45	465.02†	+ 8.47	
-do- Accum	461.75	488.62†	+ 8.90	
International	638.66	675.83	+14.22	
-do- Accum	841.52	890.50	+18.75	
Nat Recov Sec	198.10	209.63	+ 6.15	0.07
Spcld Opps	124.65	132.12	− 1.24	1.23
-do- Accum	162.92	172.30	− 1.61	1.23
Environmental Inv	75.50	79.89†	+ 0.22	1.34
Selector	72.13	76.34	+ 0.85	1.70
-do- Accum	83.42	96.28	+ 0.98	1.70
High Income	66.58	70.45†	+ 1.13	4.52
-do- Accum	90.48	95.74†	+ 1.55	4.52
Intl Income	64.20	67.94	+ 0.95	4.02
-do- Accum	83.82	88.69	+ 1.23	4.02
Selector Income	65.27	69.07	+ 0.92	4.36
-do- Accum	81.27	86.00	+ 1.15	4.36
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 667 1018				
British	394.79	414.93	+ 5.35	2.60
European	73.15	76.59	+ 1.09	1.37
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	232.80	248.48†	+ 4.60	2.30
Glob Smlr Cos Inc	195.53	209.13	+ 3.87	3.33
Latin Am Inc	139.37	149.09	+ 0.82	2.02
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing 0171 246 3001				
Emerging Eqs Fd	45.58	47.35	− 0.41	5.60
European Growth	244.85	261.09	+ 8.40	1.00
Exempt	637.58	666.45†	+ 7.94	3.50
Gl Ind Em Mkts	84.81	88.60	+ 1.35	0.50
Japan Tst	81.65	84.66	+ 1.88	
Little Dragons	99.38	104.06	− 2.91	
Nth Amer Gwth	286.76	300.27	+ 9.21	0.50
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	419	**Allied Domecq**	452	- 2½	6.5	11.1
625	500	Bulmer (HP)	594		2.8	
131	96	Burn Stewart	101		6.2	21.8
775	615	Glenmorangie A	705		2.0	19.6
464	411	**Grand Met**	437	+ 8	4.3	19.0
493	435	**Guinness**	470	+ 7	3.0	15.3
378	315	Highland Dist	373		2.2	17.1
195	150	Macallan-Glen	153		1.2	31.4
803	666	Matthew Clark	680	- 4	4.5	
141	93	Merrydown Wt	120		2.1	
2612½	1706¼	SA Breweries	1762½		2.1	

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3616¾	2743¼	ABN-AMRO	3593½	- 137½	3.9	12.1
663	528	**Abbey Nat**	589	+ 4	4.6	11.3
385	315	Allied Irish	359	+ 9	5.0	10.3
336	285	Aus New Z	318		5.8	7.3
5312½	3843½	Bank America	5312½	+ 187½		
316	227½	**Bank Scotland**	236	- 5½	3.6	9.9
837	683	**Barclays**	837	+ 11	4.3	10.9
488	413	Bk of Ireland	465	+ 12	4.1	
482	379	Cater Allen	423	+ 3	8.9	12.5
5606¼	4031¼	Citicorp	5393¾	+ 125		
392	318	Close Bros	337	- 2	3.4	14.7
£157⅝	£131½	Commerzbk	£151½	+ 275	3.5	
1350	1065½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1109½	- 9½	0.5	
3412½	2950	Deutsche Bk	3321	- 78½	2.4	
803¼	593½	Espirito Santo	702½	+ 6½	4.7	10.2
1507	1239	Fuji Bank Y	1299½	- 2½	0.4	
472	337	Gerrard Nat	338		8.9	10.7
252	196	Hambros	236	+ 9	4.0	
1125	931	**HSBC**	1116	+ 25	3.6	11.9
1099	930	HSBC Hk	1097	+ 25½	3.7	11.6
421	385	Irish Perm	403		3.2	11.0
177	143	King Shaxson	167	+ 12	6.7	14.5
455	415	Leopold J	418		6.0	14.6
364½	294½	**Lloyds TSB**	354½	- 5½	4.3	14.5
640	566	Nat Aust Bk	594	+ 3	7.3	7.7
711	605½	**Nat West**	655	- 10	5.1	9.2
66	50	Rea Brothers	50		2.5	24.0
596	468	**Ryl Bk Scot**	497	+ 10	4.5	11.0
1380	1185	**Schroders**	1280	+ 5	1.6	17.6
1128	890	Schroders N/V	968	- 2	2.1	13.5
122	99½	Singer & Fried	108½		4.6	9.9
681	547	**Stand Chart**	681	+ 13	2.0	14.9
105	85½	Union	98	+ 2	3.8	
£174¼	£131⅝	Wells Fargo	£153½	+ 431½	2.2	
329½	264	Westpac	295½	- 5½	4.7	
360	268	Wintrust	358		2.5	

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
271	200	Quadramatic	262		4.2	15.2
1200	1075	Henderson Ad	1105		5.1	18.7
286	217	Invesco	224	- 3	2.6	15.1
48	41	Investment Co	47	- 1	6.1	14.8
297	232	Ivory Sime	286	- 1	2.7	
230¾	110½	Jardine Stra	204½	+ 3½	4.6	
160	98	Johnson Fry	144	- 6	3.5	7.0
397	328	Liberty Intl	351		5.2	20.0
295	218	Lon Forfaitng	260		4.9	13.6
261	215	London Pacific	227		8.3	20.1
117	87½	Lon Scot Bk	102		3.2	19.2
180	139	Man ED & F	166	+ 1	7.6	8.0
1354	1069½	M & G	1073	+ 3½	4.0	19.9
990	841	MAM	921	+ 16	4.8	
109	94	Nat Home Loan	97		1.3	3.3
2575	1830	Perpetual	2145	- 27	2.3	19.0
496	395	Provident	443	- 2	4.0	17.7
336	310	Rathbone Br	312		4.0	14.6
58½	37½	Rutland Tst	51½		2.9	18.7
79	42	SEC Group	79		6.7	15.5
457	290	S & U	388		5.2	10.3
134	100	SP Capital	110		3.8	7.4
607	499½	Sime Pacific	570¼	+ 13½	2.1	22.3
57	33	Towry Law	39		3.2	
8	5	Tno Hldgs	5½			

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498	258	Lloyds Chem	474	- 1	2.7	16.2
188½	149½	MFI	178	+ 1	3.1	20.6
495½	416½	**Marks Spencer**	489½	+ 3½	2.9	20.1
636	525	Menzies (John)	561	- 1	3.1	14.0
21	15½	Merchant Retail	18			
1305	615	Moss Bros	1155	- 5	1.9	26.2
536	420	Next	507	+ 11	2.7	26.1
63	40½	Owen (G)	41			
535	400	Oriflame Intl	534	+ 9	2.9	
80	66	Partridge Fine	74		4.9	12.5
56	32	QS Hldgs	39		5.0	
271	191	Rosebys	271	+ 1	2.8	20.2
105	92	Sears	98	- 1½	5.0	
34	14¼	Signet Group	27½			
506	399	Smith WH	482	+ 1	4.1	23.0
1010	820	Sothebys	958	+ 39	1.6	25.7
362	279½	Storehouse	292	+ 7	3.1	16.6
120	90	Stylo	120		5.1	17.9
231	181	T & S Stores	194	- 1	4.6	11.5
171	159	Tie Rack	160		2.1	16.0
3½	2¾	Upton & South	3½			
664	542	Vendome	580		2.2	
29½	12	WEW Group	24		1.8	
141	66	Wickes	69		7.9	
94	52	Wld of Leather	83		2.4	
222	198	Wyevale	200		3.3	17.2

PHARMACEUTICALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3500½	1637	Brit Biotech	2175	+ 50		
715	340	Cantab Pharms	653			
693	473½	Celltech	508			
588	224	Chiroscience	365	- 7		
447	166	Cortecs	268	+ 11		
969	767	**Glaxo Wellcome**	906	+ 11	4.2	12.7
296	208	Medeval	245		2.2	13.9
248	198	Peptide Thera	205			
803	524	Scotia	710	- 3		
266	183	Shire Pharmc	240	+ 3		
96	69	ScotPharma	91	+ 6		
727½	628½	**SmithKline**	715	- 19½	2.5	25.6
525	472	Therp Anb Inc	474	- 2		
653	478	Vanguard	478			
1474	1216	**Zeneca**	1432	+ 15	2.7	23.1

PRINTING & PAPER

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
156	130	AG Holdings	156		4.6	13.1
685	547	API	665		2.0	32.1
140	91	App Holo	132	+ 3		
212	164	Arjo Wiggins	171	- 3	5.5	34.5
196	190	Aspen Comms	190		4.1	10.9
397	339	Bemrose	379	+ 5	5.1	10.5
173	158	Blagden	167		1.2	26.7
2725	2037½	Bowater Inc	2100	- 59½		
315	200	Bowne Intl	277	+ 1	1.2	23.9
770	645	Br Polythene	725		2.3	16.3
38	16	Br Thornton	23			
168	133	Brenton Grp	135		2.6	17.2
243	191	Bunzl	227		3.2	14.8
210	173	Capital Inds	176		3.7	11.6
357	279	Cropper (James)	322		1.5	25.4
755	579	De La Rue	614		4.8	14.4
95	73	Devon Group	75		3.3	12.0
172	131	Eclipse Prod	165		3.9	17.9
103	86	Fairway Group	92		5.4	14.9
267	190	Ferguson Intl	230		7.2	12.2
275	145	Filofax	145		2.9	8.9
177	112	Inveresk	147		5.0	13.0
310	213	Jarvis Porter	214		3.9	10.7
570	459	Low & Bonar	527		3.3	14.5

SUPPORT SERVICES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1550	883	ADT	1188			
148	136	Acton Cp Spk	143	+ 3		
135	92	Alpha Airpt	96		6.5	10.4
38	27	Alphameric	28			
45	35	Auto Sec	38			
190	129	BNB Res	180	+ 2	4.4	10.7
400	293	BPP	383		3.7	19.6
186	155	BSM	185		4.7	12.3
1950	1015	BTG	1675	- 25	0.3	
1350	400	Boland	437½			
107	69	Br Bloodstock	98		1.9	29.8
164	123	Brit Data Mgt	161	+ 2	4.2	23.3
105	80	Brooks Service	102		3.7	17.4
498	373	Business Post	453	+ 8	2.3	26.7
685	329	CMG	642	- 6	0.8	30.5
219	111½	CRT Gp	210	+ 60	2.6	
958½	187	Card Gp	375			
380	295	Capita Group	344	+ 5	1.7	28.3
10¾	6	Chemex	8	- ¼	2.3	13.9
386	317	Chubb Sec	337	- 2	3.1	
190	93	Corp Services	190	+ 4	3.0	22.9
56	46	Coutts Cnsltg	53		3.2	21.1
167	73	DCS Gp	167	+ 7	1.1	36.2
266	214	Davis Service	264		4.3	14.0
558	367	Delphi	522	+ 2	1.1	20.5
145	98	Dudley Jenkns	144		3.3	19.4
79	38	EW Fact	64		1.5	12.7
116	76	El Data Prcl	77		5.5	11.1
419	245	FI Group	365	- 2	1.4	
468	362	Hays	457	- 1	2.2	20.9
288	210	Hogg Robinson	272		4.0	13.4
2028½	1112½	ISS B DN	1643½	+ 43½	1.6	10.3
542	360	JBA Hldgs	514		1.0	31.8
311	256	Johnson Clean	301		4.7	13.7
149	103	Kalamazoo	130	- 1	4.0	
500	351	Kewill Syst	440	- 2	2.3	13.1
347	78	LBMS	102	+ 2		
41	13	Laser Scan	34			11.8
127	90	Leigh	115		4.4	
652	452	Lopex	635		1.3	27.1
99	68	Lyon Hldgs	69	+ 1	2.9	14.7
92	40½	MBS	59		7.5	
557	246	MMT Comp	453		2.0	22.3
101	66	MR Group	89		3.8	
503	398	Macro 4	500		5.7	13.5

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
157	127	H Govett Smll	144½	+ ½	1.9	61.4
110½	93½	HIB Jap Smaller	103½	+ ½		
16	9	I&S Ent	12			
147	114	I&S UK Smlr	136		2.7	31.1
148	129	Inv Cap	137		4.9	24.0
157	101	Intl Biotech	115	+ 2	1.1	
70	31	Intl Wts	39	+ 1		
115	95	Intl E	99	+ 1		
114	93½	INVESCO Asia	96½	+ 1½	0.8	
65	43	INVESCO Blue	43½		24.1	4.5
181	135	INVESCO Eng Intl	166	+ 1	0.8	56.0
92	75½	INVESCO Jap Dis	85	+ 1	0.4	

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
248	195	Capital Corpn	220	+ 3	4.6	25.4
86	50	Clivedon	80		2.5	15.5
85	55	Clubhaus	70	+ 2		
251	163	Eurocamp	164		8.4	7.9
208	139	Euro Disney	157			
183	148	Euro Leisure	167	+ 1		4.6
19	13	Farmington	13½			
86	49½	First Choice	61		8.1	
400	345	First Leisure	353		2.8	20.4
190	143	Friendly Hotels	164		4.3	21.9
879	619	**Granada**	834	+ 21	1.8	20.2
57	25	Hi-Tec Sports	37	- 2		14.9

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1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
137	108	INVESCO Korea	110			
63½	52	INVESCO Tokyo	55½	+ ½		
96½	68	J Fry 2nd U	68		13.0	
79	68	J Fry Euro U	74		7.5	13.5
260	234	JF Fledg Jap	242½	+ ½		
88	74	Jupiter Ex Inc	78		12.8	8.3
7	4	Jupiter Ex IncWt	6			
83	70	Jupiter Gtd Cap	74		15.4	9.2
29	24½	Jupiter Gtd Pld	27			
129	108	Jupiter Intl Grn	119	+ 1	3.9	
282	252	Klnwt Chrtl	273	+ 3	2.5	48.2
130	110	Klnwt E Mid	115	+ 2		
154	133	Klnwt End	147	+ 1		

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
207	148	Hornby	206		2.7	
553	423	Hozelock	486		2.3	17.8
292	201	Jurys Hotel	252½	+ ¼	3.2	
31½	23½	Kunick	26	- ¼	3.1	21.9
207	143	**Ladbroke**	192	+ 1½	3.9	29.8
306½	212½	London Clubs	285½	+ 4½	3.4	19.0
489	188	Man Utd	448	- 1	1.3	14.5
96½	77½	Mandarin Orntl	91½	+ 2½	3.9	19.7
345	278	Millennium & Cop	304	- 1	1.9	
142	89	Northern	126		4.0	14.3
146	114	Pizza Leisure	143		5.0	
38	28	Queensborough	31			
32	11½	Queens Moat	18½	+ ¼		5.7

OTHER FINANCIAL

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
143	95	Aberdeen Tst	95		3.7	18.7
118	77	BWD	109		6.2	11.8
41	34½	Berry Bch Nat	41		2.4	
345	252	Bonec Inv	293	- 2		
205	151	Brewin Dolphin	196		4.9	12.0
805	700	Caledonia	730	+ 2	3.1	23.7
2500	1700	Camellia	2400		1.7	20.0
276	213	Cattles	240	+ 5	3.6	17.3
42	18	Christie	35			
147	90	EFT Group	113		2.3	13.4
725	635	EFM	640½		4.9	15.6
118	85	Exco	86		13.1	10.4

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
220	215	Treas 2% 1996	220	+	0.91	5.52
103	101	Conv 10% 1996	101		9.88	5.74
101	100	Treas 7% 1997	101		6.92	5.62
107	103	Treas 13¼% 1997	103		12.81	5.53
104	102	Exch 10½% 1997	102		10.23	5.60
104	102	Treas 8¾% 1997	102		8.50	5.76
114	110	Exch 15% 1997	110	-	13.56	5.85
106	104	Exch 9¾% 1998	105	+	9.29	5.89
102	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	101	-	7.14	6.04
101	99	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100		6.74	6.17
116	112	Treas 14% 1998-01	112		12.40	6.21
122	117	Treas 15½% 1998	118	+	13.13	6.31
114	111	Exch 12% 1998	111	+	10.77	6.50
108	105	Treas 9½% 1999	106	+	8.92	6.56
116	112	Exch 12¼% 1999	113	+	10.81	6.65
112	108	Treas 10½% 1999	109	+	9.59	6.68
98	96	Treas 6% 1999	98	+	6.12	6.71
112	108	Conv 10¼% 1999	109	+	9.33	6.84
108	104	Conv 9% 2000	106	+	8.46	6.94
106	101	Treas 8% 2000	103	+	7.74	7.06
124	119	Treas 13% 2000	120	+	10.82	7.04
114	109	Treas 10% 2001	110	+	9.02	7.15

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	96	Treas 7% 2001	98	+	7.08	7.23
114	103	Treas 9¾% 2002	111	+	8.77	7.41
105	97	Treas 8% 2003	102	+	7.79	7.47
117	110	Treas 10% 2003	113	+	8.83	7.53
119	114	Treas 11½% 2001-04	116	+	9.90	7.30
83	78	Fund 3½% 1999-04	81	+	4.30	6.62
113	107	Conv 9½% 2004	110	+	8.57	7.67
96	91	Treas 6¾% 2004	94	+	7.16	7.67
108	101	Treas 8½% 2005	104	+	8.10	7.73
114	108	Conv 9½% 2005	110	+	8.56	7.73
131	123	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126	+	9.88	7.65
101	94	Treas 7½% 2006	97	+	7.67	7.79
103	96	Treas 7¾% 2006	99	+	7.80	7.82
104	97	Treas 8% 2002-06	101	+	7.92	7.79
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	+	9.72	7.58
108	101	Treas 8½% 2007	104	+	8.13	7.86
138	130	Treas 13½% 2004-08	133	+	10.14	7.66
112	105	Treas 9% 2008	108	+	8.30	7.90
104	98	Treas 8% 2009	100	+	7.99	7.96

LONGS (over 15 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
89	81	Treas 6¼% 2010	84	+	7.36	8.03
112	104	Conv 9% 2011	108	+	8.31	8.02
113	104	Treas 9% 2012	108	+	8.31	8.06
82	75	Treas 5½% 2008-12	78	+	6.98	7.83
103	95	Treas 8% 2013	99	+	8.08	8.09
101	93	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	96	+	8.02	8.10
103	95	Treas 8% 2015	98	+	8.08	8.09
111	102	Treas 8¾% 2017	105	+	8.26	8.15
141	130	Exch 12% 2013-17	134	+	8.90	8.19
99	95	Tr 8% 2021	98	+	8.11	8.11

UNDATED

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
45	41	War Ln 3½%	42	+	8.21	
32	29	Treas 2½%	29	-	8.39	
50	46	Consols 4%	48	+	8.28	

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1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	10%	5%
113	111	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	113	+	1.00	2.56
181	176	Treas IL 2% 2001	181	+	2.91	3.45
176	171	Treas IL 2½% 2003	176	+	3.18	3.59
116	112	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	115	+	3.25	3.62
185	179	Treas IL 2% 2006	185	+	3.37	3.65
167	161	Treas IL 2½% 2009	166	+	3.48	3.70
173	166	Treas IL 2½% 2011	171	+	3.52	3.72
143	136	Treas IL 2½% 2013	140	+	3.56	3.75
152	145	Treas IL 2½% 2016	149	+	3.60	3.78
146	138	Treas IL 2½% 2020	143	+	3.66	3.79
122	115	Treas IL 2½% 2024	118	+	3.64	3.78
120	113	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	117	+	3.64	3.78

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
58	18	Abacus Recruit	43			
213	95	Cafe Inns	172	+ 2	1.7	14.2
86	58	Country Gdns	85		2.0	16.4
1700	860	Dawson Hdgs	1625	+ 5	2.5	14.3
108	45	Firecrest	60			25.6
35½	14	Freepages	33½			
117	92	Megalomedia	94			
475	45	Memory Corp	51			
147	85½	Old English Pub▲	116		1.1	50.7
445	350	Pet City	370			
595	524	Southern News	530		3.8	13.9
68	50	Southern Vectis	68			
315	122	Surrey Fr Inns	280	+ 2	1.0	30.6
75	46	Trocadero	71	- 2		

Source: FT Information

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RACING

Coastal Bluff can benefit from luck of the draw

RICHARD EVANS

On Goodwood's big sprint handicap

AFTER a glorious four days for bookmakers at Goodwood where winners have averaged 10-1, punters can seek refuge in the old adage about the bigger the field the bigger the certainty as 30 runners line-up for the Vodac Stewards' Cup this afternoon.

The annual cavalry charge *may not appeal to everyone* as an ideal betting medium, but a combination of the draw and a fresh strip of ground alongside the far rail could reenforce *the trend in* recent times which has seen most winners coming out of a high numbered stall.

A less than scientific prodding of the two metre wide strip of turf opened up for *racing yesterday suggested* it was faster than anywhere else down the *straight* course — especially when compared with good ground in the centre. If *practice ties in with* theory, the chances of at least two thirds of the field will be reduced.

With two trailblazers, Cyrano's Lad and Bold Effort, drawn in stalls 26 and 27, it *looks as though the pace of the* race could develop on the far *side and tee up* the £75,000-added race for Coastal Bluff.

David Barron's sprinter looked a horse to follow when winning from a bad draw at Ascot last autumn and that impression was confirmed when overcoming a poor draw once again at York three weeks ago to beat Tedburrow*ny a head. The form of the* latter race has worked out particularly well.

Admittedly both victories were over the minimum trip, but Barron is more concerned about the going than today's *extra furlong for Coastal Bluff*, whose best form has been on ground good or softer.

"The trip causes no problem: the six furlongs at *Goodwood is as easy as you* can get. We would have preferred a bit more cut but there is only one Stewards' Cup. The horse's last run has worked out well — he's gone up 2lb just standing in his box — and *he is never going to get a better* opportunity off this handicap mark.

"The ground would not appear to be as fast as it was at Ascot [in the *Wokingham*] and judging from the times of races at Goodwood, which have not been particularly quick on the straight course, it is not too bad.

"I *think* he has got a very good chance. From everything I have seen at home he is a horse who, given any luck at all, can win a big handicap. Whether it is going to be the Stewards' Cup remains to be *seen*."

Sir Joey, drawn next to Coastal Bluff, is in the form of his life and after being first home on the disadvantageous *side in the Wokingham ran* equally well over the minimum trip at Chepstow. Expect the Pat Murphy-trained seven-year-old to arrive on the scene *late and fast*.

If my theories about the draw *are* wrong and the stands' side is favoured, Barron could still be in the winner's enclosure with For The Present, winner of the *race two years ago, who ran* his best race of the season at Newcastle a week ago. However, at around 8-1 **Coastal Bluff** is the choice.

Away from the gaze of the television cameras, John *Dunlop's* **Bahhare** *(2.05 Newmarket)* will be a short price to confirm the excellent impression made when making a winning debut over course *and distance last month, while* **The West** (4.45 Goodwood) is reputed to be Paul Cole's best two-year-old.

Monument stayed on resolutely to oblige at Windsor ten days ago and Jeff King's *runner looks ready for the step* up in trip at the Thameside course (7.30). North of the border, Chris Thornton looks to have found a perfect opening for **Call Me** to land a decent prize in the £10,000-*added Rothmans Royals* North South Challenge Handicap (6.50 Hamilton).

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: COASTAL BLUFF
(3.45 Goodwood)

Next best: Last Second
(3.10 Goodwood)

Nap: CANDLE SMILE
(4.00 Chester tomorrow)

Next best: Irrepressible
(4.50 Lingfield tomorrow)

JULIAN HERBERT

Salmon Ladder, ridden by Quinn, stretches clear to gain an impressive victory in the Schroders Handicap at Goodwood yesterday

Fahim helps Hills to redress the balance

By Julian Muscat

RICHARD HILLS has swayed as violently on the winds of fortune as the army of punters descending on Goodwood week. So it was fitting that the jockey triggered wild celebra*tions when his late* effort swept Fahim, the heavily-backed favourite, to a resounding victory in the Volvo Truck Finance Globetrotter Stakes.

As the 14 runners thundered towards the two-furlong pole, Fahim's unpromising position encapsulated *the frustrations of punters through*out the week. The colt had plenty left, but precious little racing room in which to express himself.

It must have prompted a terrible sense of *déjà-vu* within his beleaguered rider. Faced with a similar *predicament aboard the strongly*-fancied Sahm in the Champagne Stakes on Wednesday, Hills reacted impetuously, was disqualified and later banned for seven days.

But *Fahim, whose lenient handi*cap rating caused an uproar in the wake of his Newmarket triumph last month, proved more than a match for the challenge. Like the equally well-backed Missile 24 hours earlier, Fahim devoured the ground on finding daylight. Unlike Missile, the son of Green Desert got up to collar Murheb, a 33-1 chance, close home.

Mindful of the undulating circuit, Fahim's connections agreed before *the race that the colt should be kept* close to the pace. "We were scared of his inside draw," Fahim's trainer, Alec Stewart, said. "We wanted to be prominent but they all came across at the start and cut him up."

Fahim was to return the compli*ment, cutting down his rivals with* a scintillating turn of foot. But the abiding memory will be the crescendo that rose from a packed grandstand.

Fahim's *future surely* lies in a higher grade, an *impression* Stewart intends to explore in conditions company when the ground eases. "I trained his mother, Mahrah," the trainer recalled, "*and she would have* been very good if she had ever encountered soft ground. I think this horse is the same: he won't run again until we have some rain."

Hills, who had earlier landed the opening Seeboard Stakes on the *improving Green Barries, later spoke* of his roller-coaster experience. "It has certainly been up and down this week," he said. "At Goodwood, one day it loves you and the next it hates you. Today, it seems to like me."

The respite for punters was not to *last long. Tipsy Creek was dispatched* a warm favourite for the Jockey Club of Kenya Molecomb Stakes over five furlongs, *but he capitulated like a* punctured balloon as Carmine Lake *fought off* Connemara in a tight finish. Carmine Lake maintained the lucrative spell at present enjoyed by her owner, Robert Sangster, whose Ocean Ridge collected the Prix Robert *Papin on Saturday*.

It was immensely satisfying to see Salmon Ladder and Midnight Legend contest the finish to the Schroders Glorious Rated Stakes, a listed handicap with a weight range limited to 14lb. The two horses *headed the weights, with Salmon* Ladder prevailing after a well-judged ride from Richard Quinn. But Better Offer might have collared them both had he not raced from 3lb out of the handicap.

Salmon Ladder is big enough to *carry a cart, but the greatest truism in* racing is that dead weight will bring even the best to their knees.

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER

2.00 My Lewicia
2.30 **DOUBLE PARK** (nap)
3.10 Miss Universal
3.45 Sylva Paradise
4.15 Loki
4.45 The West
5.20 Mr Browning

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 **BOLSHOI.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 Miss Universal.
3.45 Cyrano's Lad. 5.20 ***PUCE*** *(nap).*

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM *DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE* SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.00 VODAPAGE CONDITIONS STAKES

(3-Y-O: £14,300: 1m) (9 runners)

101	(7)	24-1201	HAMMERSTEIN 7 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-2	Pat Eddery	[illegible]
102	(8)	01-563	CENSOR 23 (D,F) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 8-12	W Ryan	81
103	(1)	35-1	*INSIYABI 135 (D,S) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-12*	K Darley	80
104	(2)	231	KAMMTARRA 40 (D,F) (S Maktoum Al Maktoum) S bin Suroor 8-12	J Reid	81
105	(6)	13-4520	POLAR ECLIPSE 14 (S) (J Good) M Johnston 8-12	M Hills	81
106	*(3)*	*33-1233*	*RUSSIAN MUSIC 7 (F) (Seventh Heaven Pnrs) Miss G Kelleway 8-12*	*R Cochrane*	*95*
107	(9)	12-00	SWIFT FANDANGO 14 (F) (M Arbib) P Cole 8-12	T Quinn	71
108	(4)	30-5403	VAN GURP 17 (Baroucho Stud Ltd) B McMahon 8-10	S Sanders	87
109	(5)	0-212	MY LEWICIA 14 (D,S) (G Knight) P Harris 8-7	G Hind	97

BETTING: 5-2 Hammerstein, 3-1 Kammtarra, 4-1 Russian Music, 7-1 Insiyabi, 8-1 My Lewicia, 10-1 Censor, 12-1 Polar Eclipse, 14-1 Swift Fandango, 16-1 Van Gurp

1995: TAMAYAZ 8-11 L Dettori (5-2) S bin Suroor 5 ran

2.30 VODATA NURSERY HANDICAP

BBC1

(2-Y-O: £10,690: 7f) (8 runners)

201	*(6)*	*244*	*GOLDEN FACT 21 (G Teo) R Hannon 9-7*	Pat Eddery	*84*
202	(7)	2221	DOUBLE PARK 14 (F) (3rd Middleham Partnership) M Johnston 9-7	J Reid	92
203	(8)	040	MIDATLANTIC 21 (Mrs R Waters) P Walwyn 8-12	S Sanders	88
204	(5)	5001	SUN O'TIROL 19 (D,F) (Mrs A Barwick) M Channon 8-8	T Quinn	98
205	(4)	3412	MISTY CAY 16 (F) (Mrs A Upsdell) S Dow 8-7	J F Egan	97
206	(3)	465	TRADING ACES 35 (R Michaelson) M Bell 8-3	F Lynch (3)	91
207	(1)	2203	FALLS O'MONESS 19 (Piquet Opera House Pnrs) K Burke 8-0	Martin Dwyer (5)	[illegible]
208	(2)	0462	LOCH DIBIDALE 33 (G Pritchard-Gordon) *J Banks 7-10*	*N Varley (3)*	*97*

BETTING: 9-4 Golden Fact, 5-2 Double Park, 6-1 Misty Cay, 7-1 Sun O'Tirol, 8-1 Midatlantic, 10-1 Trading Aces, 12-1 others

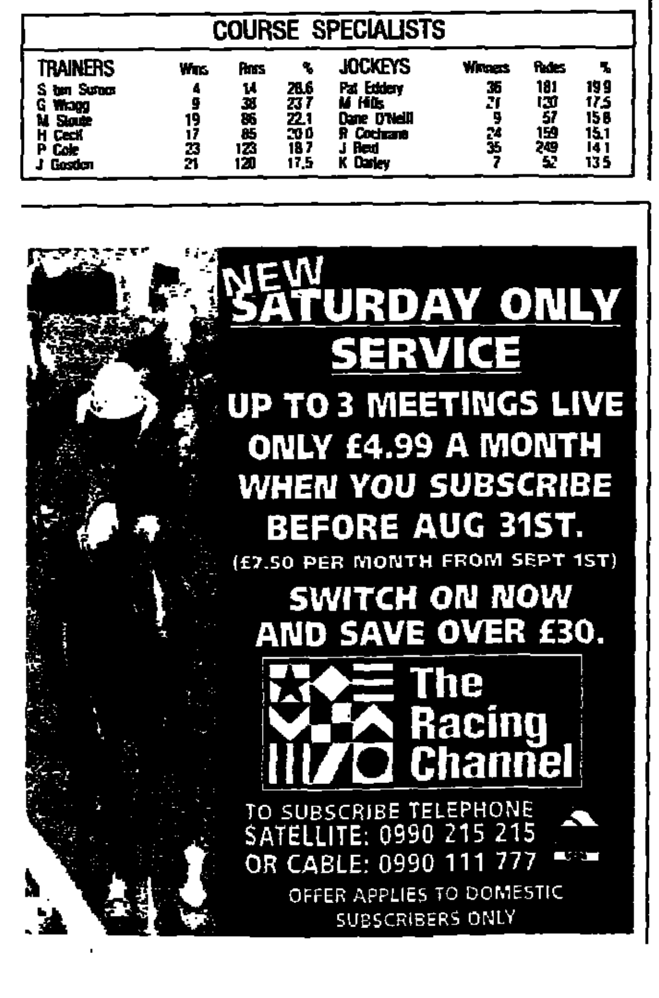
1995: VANISHING POINT 7-10 W Carson (5-1) G Lewis 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

GOLDEN FACT 3¼l 4th of 10 to Papua in a conditions race at Lingfield (7f, good to firm). DOUBLE PARK beat Top Of The Wind ¾l in a 6-runner nursery at Ayr (6f, good to firm). SUN O'TIROL beat Smugurs neck in a 6-runner maiden auction at Folkestone (6f, good to firm) with *FALLS O'MONESS (2lb better off) neck 3rd*. MISTY CAY short-head 2nd of 7 to Masterstroke in an auction nursery at Leicester (6f, good to firm). TRADING ACES 7¼l 5th of 7 to Barnes King in a maiden at Lingfield (5f, good to firm). LOCH DIBIDALE ¾l 3rd of 11 to Make Ready in a seller at Southwell (5f, AW).
SELECTION: GOLDEN FACT

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S bin Suroor	4	14	28.6	Pat Eddery	36	181	19.9
G Wragg	9	38	23.7	M Hills	21	120	17.5
M Stoute	19	86	22.1	Dane O'Neill	9	57	15.8
H Cecil	17	85	20.0	R Cochrane	24	159	15.1
P Cole	23	123	18.7	J Reid	35	249	14.1
J Gosden	21	120	17.5	K Darley	7	52	13.5



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3.10 VODAFONE NASSAU STAKES

BBC1

(Group II: fillies: £50,593: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

301	(3)	3-1	ANNABA 47 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-6	G Hind	70
302	(1)	11-2	LAST SECOND 45 (G) (Faisal Salman) M Prescott 3-8-6	G Duffield	[illegible]
303	(2)	12-0135	MEZZOGIORNO 41 (D,F) (Mrs R Philipps) G Wragg 3-8-6	M Hills	89
304	(4)	403252	MISS UNIVERSAL 29 (B Bull) C Brittain 3-8-6	B Doyle	96
305	(5)	512-031	PAPERING 9 (C,D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-6	K Darley	87
306	(8)	116	SARDONIC 24 (D,F) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 3-8-6	W Ryan	83
307	(6)	213-203	SOLAR CRYSTAL 22 (BF,F,G) (M Poland) H Cecil 3-8-6	Pat Eddery	86
308	(7)	2116	WHITEWATER AFFAIR 57 (CD,F,G) (J Greetham) M Stoute 3-8-6	R Cochrane	94

BETTING: 7-4 Last Second, 5-1 Whitewater Affair, 6-1 Papering, Solar Crystal, 7-1 Mezzogiorno, 8-1 Sardonic, 10-1 Miss Universal, 12-1 Annaba

1995: CARAMBA 3-8-9 M Roberts (5-2) R Hannon 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANNABA beat Dacha short-head in a 15-runner maiden at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm). LAST SECOND neck 2nd of 7 to Shake The Yoke in the group I Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot (1m, good to firm) with MISS UNIVERSAL 3¾l 5th. MEZZOGIORNO 6¾l 5th of 6 to Shamadara in the group II Prix de Malleret at Longchamp (1m 4f, good to firm).
MISS UNIVERSAL short-head 2nd of 20 to Sheer Danzig in a handicap at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm). PAPERING *beat Papaha 1½l in a 7-runner* listed race at Chepstow (1m 2f, good to firm). SOLAR CRYSTAL 3l 3rd of 8 to Prince of Andros in a conditions race at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good to firm). WHITEWATER AFFAIR beat Shemozzle 1¾l in a 9-runner listed race over course and distance (good) with PAPERING neck 3rd
Selection: WHITEWATER AFFAIR

3.45 VODAC STEWARDS CUP

BBC1

(Handicap: £50,688: 6f) (30 runners)

401	(3)	100223	VENTURE CAPITALIST 14 (D,F,G) (W Sellers) D Nicholls 7-9-12	R Cochrane	88
402	(11)	011001	JAYANNPEE 14 (C,D,F,G) (J Pamecca) I Balding 5-9-10 (7ex)	Martin Dwyer (5)	85
403	(18)	103003	HARD TO FIGURE 15 (D,F,G,S) (J Munsell) R Hodges 10-9-8	T Sprake	81
404	(22)	216000	BRAVE EDGE 4 (F,G) (Harris Vale Racing Pnrs) R Hannon 5-9-7	Pat Eddery	81
405	(6)	0-31504	LOCH PATRICK 28 (CD,F,G) (Miss E Collier) M Madgwick 6-9-5	J Reid	80
406	(20)	3-35504	ESPARTERO 14 (D,F,G) (M Lanfranchi) M Prescott 4-9-2	G Duffield	90
407	*(13)*	*2-44610*	*EMERGING MARKET 23 (D,F) (P Wroughton) J Dunlop 4-9-0*	*K Darley*	*90*
408	(2)	211160	TO THE ROOF 26 (D,F,G) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-8-13	G Hind	88
409	(19)	1-13064	DASHING BLUE 8 (D,F,G) (Mrs D Allen) I Balding 3-8-10	T Quinn	84
410	(27)	0-64611	CYRANO'S LAD 38 (D,F,G) (M Foulger) C Dwyer 7-8-10	K Fallon	87
411	(14)	63-6005	ASTRAC 29 (D,BF,F,G,S) (C Titcomb) R Akehurst 5-8-6	S Sanders	87
412	(29)	4231-01	COASTAL BLUFF 22 (F,G,S) (Mrs D Sharp) T Barron 4-8-5 (3ex)	J Fortune	96
413	(26)	0-00060	BOLD EFFORT 15 (V,D,F,G) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-4	B Doyle	80
414	(21)	413102	SELHURSTPARK FLYER 38 (C,D,F,G,S) (C Deuters) J Berry 5-8-3	P Roberts (5)	88
415	(30)	0-10522	MY BEST VALENTINE 31 (BF,F,G) (The Valentines) J White 6-8-3	W Woods	88
416	(17)	0-00430	SHAMANIC 15 (D,F,G) (R Russell) R Hannon 4-8-2	C Rutter	87
417	*(28)*	*250153*	*SIR JOEY 32 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs A Sims) P Murphy 7-8-1*	*S Drowne (3)*	*90*
418	(23)	561-031	DOUBLE BOUNCE 35 (D,F,G) (Mrs P Scott-Dunn) P Makin 6-8-1	D Holland	93
419	(4)	3214	DUEL AT DAWN 25 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-0	A Garth	86
420	(7)	241231	WILDWOOD FLOWER 25 (D,F) (G H-Spink) R Hannon 3-8-0 (3ex)	Dane O'Neill (3)	89
421	(5)	000500	LENNOX LEWIS 15 (CD,F) (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 4-7-13	J F Egan	86
422	(12)	004152	LAGO DI VARANO 14 (V,F,G,S) (The PBT Group) R Whitaker 4-7-13	F Lynch (3)	92
423	(9)	41-2460	NORWEGIAN BLUE 49 (V,D,S) (A Turnbull) A Jarvis 3-7-12	D Wright (3)	82
424	(24)	000055	SHIKARI'S SON 21 (CD,F,G) (A Spargo Ltd) J Cullinan 9-7-12	G Bardwell	93
425	(1)	001003	FOR THE PRESENT 7 (CD,F,G) (Mrs J Hazell) T Barron 6-7-11	L Charnock	94
426	(16)	050005	THE HAPPY FOX 14 (B,F,G) (G Whitaker) B McMahon 4-7-10	Declan O'Shea	83
427	*(9)*	*400000*	*MASTER OF PASSION 22 (D,F,G,S) (M Kwee) J Eustace 7-7-10*	*N Kennedy*	*88*
428	(10)	56-501	STATOYORK 42 (F) (S Cohn) B Hills 3-7-10	M Henry (3)	85
429	(25)	243212	SYLVA PARADISE 8 (D,F,S) (Eddy Grimstead Honda Ltd) C Brittain 3-7-10	J Quinn	96
430	(15)	254101	BOLSHOI 8 (B,F) (Mrs D Brown) J Berry 4-7-10 (7ex)	*N Adams*	[illegible]

Long handicap: Statoyork 7-9, Sylva Paradise 7-8, Bolshoi 7-8

BETTING: 8-1 Coastal Bluff, 10-1 Cyrano's Lad, 12-1 Double Bounce, Espartero, Sylva Paradise, 14-1 To The Roof, Wildwood Flower, 16-1 Jayannpee, Sir Joey, 20-1 Astrac, Lennox Lewis, Venture Capitalist, 25-1 others

1995: SHIKARI'S SON 8-8-13 R Hughes (40-1) J White 27 ran

FORM FOCUS

JAYANNPEE beat VENTURE CAPITALIST (5lb better off) neck and ½l in a 16-runner listed race at Newbury (6f, good to firm) with ESPARTERO (8lb better off) short-head 4th. CYRANOS'S LAD beat SELHURSTPARK FLYER (4lb better off) 1l in a 10-runner handicap at Chester (6f, good to firm). COASTAL BLUFF beat Tedburrow head in a 22-runner handicap at York (5f, good) with LAGO DI VARANO (3lb better off) 1¼l 5th, FOR THE *PRESENT (3lb better off) 4¾l 15th and MASTER* OF PASSION (3lb better off) 5¼l 21st. MY BEST VALENTINE 2½l 2nd of 9 to Chickawicka in a handicap at Epsom (7f, good to firm) with SHAMANIC ½l 3rd. *DOUBLE BOUNCE* beat Double Splendour neck in a 13-runner handicap at Newcastle (6f, firm). FOR THE PRESENT ½l 3rd of 15 to Laurel Delight in a handicap at Newcastle (5f, good to firm). BOLSHOI beat SYLVA PARADISE (2lb worse off) short-head in a 9-runner handicap at Ascot (5f, good to firm) with DASHING BLUE (5lb *worse off*) 2¾l 4th.
Selection: JAYANNPEE

4.15 TURF CLUB CLAIMING STAKES (£7,570: 1m) (5 runners)

501	(3)	060300	AT LIBERTY 14 (G) (B Adams) R Hannon 4-9-7	Dane O'Neill (3)	88
502	(1)	11/6300	OTTO E MEZZO 7 (D,F,S) (J & J Cook) M Polglase 4-9-6	J Reid	[illegible]
503	(2)	350-230	ULTIMATE WARRIOR 43 (D,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 6-8-10	R Cochrane	64
504	(5)	100214-	LOKI 256 (F,G,S) (M Watt) G Lewis 8-8-8	Pat Eddery	92
505	*(4)*	*34*	*OPEN AFFAIR 10 (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 3-8-0*	*D Wright (3)*	*72*

BETTING: 6-4 At Liberty, 11-4 Loki, 9-2 Otto E Mezzo, 7-1 Ultimate Warrior, 8-1 Open Affair

1995: MELLOTTIE 10-9-2 R Hughes (9-2) Mrs M Reveley 10 ran

4.45 RICHARD BAERLEIN MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £7,068: 6f) (7 runners)

601	(7)		HALLMARK (D Gallop) R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill (3)	–
602	(3)		MARENGO (V) (J Sharp) J Akehurst 9-0	S Sanders	–
603	(1)		MISTER JAY (Mrs H Keswick) P Walwyn 9-0	J Reid	–
604	(5)		THE WEST (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	–
605	(2)		ELEGANT WARNING (P Eborn) B Hills 8-9	Pat Eddery	–
606	(6)		MISS RIVIERA ROSE (J Pearce) G Wragg 8-9	M Hills	–
607	(4)		SHIFTING TIME (J Smith) I Balding 8-9	K Darley	–

BETTING: 6-4 The West, 4-1 Shifting Time, 5-1 Miss Riviera Rose, 7-1 Elegant Warning, 8-1 Hallmark, 10-1 Mister Jay, 25-1 *Marengo*

1995: CHARWELTON 8-9 T Quinn (7-1) P Cole 7 ran

5.20 TRUNDLE HANDICAP (£7,960: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

1	(7)	622625	SILENTLY 15 (B,F,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-9-10	K Darley	97
2	(9)	040-100	ROISIN CLOVER 7 (D,F,G) (Brighthelm Racing) S Dow 5-9-2	K Fallon	93
3	(4)	3-05064	CASUAL WATER 14 (D,BF,F,G) (G Leatham) A Newcombe 5-9-2	S Drowne (3)	97
4	(1)	10100-0	MR BROWNING 28 (B,CD,F) (Mrs M O'Shea) R Akehurst 5-9-2	S Sanders	91
5	(2)	021	PUCE 25 (F) (Fittocks Stud) L Cumani 3-8-1	Pat Eddery	91
6	(3)	51-0101	RENOWN 60 (D,F,G) (D Caslon & Pnrs) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-0	NON-RUNNER	92
7	(8)	310-413	WHITE SEA 39 (D,BF,G,S) (T Hely-Hutchinson) P Cole 3-8-12	T Quinn	94
8	(6)	6-02021	SHAHA 40 (B,F) (S Suhail) R Hannon 3-8-7	Dane O'Neill (3)	98
9	(5)	112135	KINGS CAY 14 (D,F,G,S) (R Jones) T Caldwell 5-8-6	Jo Hunnam (7)	[illegible]

BETTING: 9-4 Puce, 5-1 Shaha, 6-1 White Sea, 7-1 Mr Browning, 8-1 Casual Water, Silently, 10-1 others

1995: PROGRESSION 4-7-2 M Baird (33-1) P Haslam 9 ran

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

2.05 Bahhare
2.35 Ortolan
3.05 Mowjood
3.35 Smarter Charter
4.10 Ocker
4.40 Clifton Fox
5.15 Batoutoftheblue

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103	(12)	0-0432	GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0	B West (4)	88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.05 HERO CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,376: 7f) (4 runners)

1	(2)	1	BAHHARE 25 (CD,G) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-1	R Hills	98
2	(1)	16	QUEST EXPRESS 24 (F) (R Michaelson) M Bell 9-1	M Fenton	[illegible]
3	(4)	2155	RICH IN LOVE 9 (F) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-12	R Hughes	98
4	(3)	51	MR BOMBASTIQUE 28 (F) (K Al-Said) B Hills 8-11	J D Smith (5)	95

BETTING: 2-5 Bahhare, 7-1 Quest Express, Rich In Love, 8-1 Mr Bombastique

1995: MAWWAL 9-1 B Thomson (Evens fav) R Armstrong 5 ran

2.35 YE OLDE OAK HAM CLAIMING STAKES

(3-Y-O: £4,425: 7f) (9 runners)

1	(5)	13-6101	ORTOLAN 2 (F,S) (J Lazzari) R Hannon 9-5	R Hughes	[illegible]
2	(1)	314530	IVORY'S GRAB HIRE 2 (B,D,F) (D Ivory) K Ivory 9-1	C Scally (7)	80
3	(7)	313-00	CEBWOB 35 (D,G) (C Budgett) P Cole 8-10	R Hills	97
4	(8)	5123-00	LEITH ACADEMY 12 (F) (Newbyth Stud) B Hills 8-6	Paul Eddery	83
5	(2)	2023	MYSTICAL MAID 23 (BF) (Castle Farm Stud) H Thomson Jones 8-6	P McCabe (3)	90
6	(3)	203520	UNCLE GEORGE 1 (B,BF,F) (J Fuller) M Tompkins 8-5	P Robinson	88
7	(4)	515006	SWEET AMORET 15 (G) (R Baker) P Howling 8-2	F Norton	82
8	*(9)*	*0-34060*	*HOTLIPS HOULIHAN 14 (D,F) (H Droesher) R Williams 7-12*	*M Baird (5)*	*90*
9	(6)	0-00600	ON THE HOME RUN 12 (B) (S Powell) J Jenkins 7-10	P Doe (7)	84

BETTING: 5-4 Ortolan, 4-1 Mystical Maid, 8-1 Cebwob, 10-1 Ivory's Grab Hire, Leith Academy, Sweet Amoret, 12-1 *Uncle George, 14-1 Hotlips Houlihan, 25-1 On The Home Run*

1995: DELIGHT OF DAWN 8-1 C Scally (8-1) K Ivory 9 ran

3.05 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND CLEARLY CANADIAN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,464: 6f) (11 runners)

C4

1	(8)		BACHELORS PAD (Mrs D Allen) W Jarvis 9-0	B Thomson	–
2	(1)		HOME ALONE (D Armitage) J Gosden 9-0	A McGlone	–
3	(5)		JALB (H Al Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0	D Harrison	–
4	(3)		MOONSHINER (Baron G von Ullmann) G Wragg 9-0	F Norton	–
5	(7)		MOWJOOD (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	R Hughes	–
6	(10)	5	MUSICAL PURSUIT 23 (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Tompkins 9-0	P Robinson	92
7	(11)	3	OLIVO 15 (A Speelman) P Cole 9-0	A Clark	[illegible]
8	(9)	6	RETURN OF AMIN 73 (Sheikh Amin Dahlawi) J Bethell 9-0	Paul Eddery	74
9	(4)	0	SHADDAD 23 (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0	R Hills	–
10	*(2)*	*0*	*CLASSIC LINE 14 (Euroclass Ltd) J Dunlop 8-9*	*W J O'Connor*	–
11	(6)		REJOICING (T Capehart) W O'Gorman 8-9	Emma O'Gorman	–

BETTING: 6-4 Moonshiner, 4-1 Olivo, 9-2 Mowjood, 5-1 Home Alone, 10-1 Musical Pursuit, 14-1 Shaddad, 16-1 others

1995: WITCH OF FIFE 8-9 B Thomson (6-1) B Hills 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BACHELORS PAD (foaled Feb 21) By Pursuit Of Love, half-brother to useful winning juveniles Line *Dancer and The Jotter*, dam 6f winner. HOME ALONE (Feb 18) By Groom Dancer, half-brother to 7f/1m winner Pleasant Surprise and 1m winner Tranquility, dam 6f/7f juvenile winner. MOONSHINER *(Feb 21) By Irish River, first foal*, dam top-class performer, unbeaten juvenile and 1m performer at three. MOWJOOD (Mar 23) By Mr Prospector, first foal, dam sister to smart Desert Secret and to *Carnesa, 1m3f winner*. *MUSICAL PURSUIT 8l 5th* of 13 to Grapeshot in maiden over course and distance (good to firm) with SHADDAD 9l 11th. OLIVO 3¼l 3rd of 12 to Cinema Paradiso in maid*en at Newbury* (6f, good to firm)
No selection

3.35 YE OLDE OAK HANDICAP

C4

(3-Y-O: £4,581: 1m) (8 runners)

1	(8)	14-1600	SKY DOME 23 (C,F,G) (Miss D Merson) M Tompkins 9-7	P Robinson	87
2	(6)	033455	QUALITY 35 (D,F,G) (H Yeung) W O'Gorman 9-6	Emma O'Gorman	86
3	(2)	200351	DISALLOWED 14 (F) (K Ratcliffe) M Bell 9-4	G Faulkner (7)	90
4	(4)	263681	SMARTER CHARTER 4 (D,F) (Mr. A Iles) Mrs J Ramsden 9-3 (6ex)	O Urbina	98
5	(3)	354	DIVINE QUEST 60 (Lady Howard de Walden) H Cecil 8-8	A McGlone	95
6	(1)	00-06	PREMIER GENERATION 79 (Mrs W Oram) D Arbuthnot 8-7	S Whitworth	91
7	*(7)*	*441300*	*CHINA CASTLE 8 (D,G) (J Davis) P Haslam 8-3*	*M Baird (5)*	*90*
8	(5)	643111	SYLVAN PRINCESS 2 (F) (Camelot Racing) C Allen 7-13 (6ex)	P Doe (7)	[illegible]

BETTING: 5-2 Divine Quest, 11-4 Sky Dome, 3-1 Smarter Charter, 7-1 Disallowed, 8-1 Quality, Sylvan Princess, 10-1 others

1995: NOBLE NEPTUNE 7-13 G Carter (14-1) W Musson 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

QUALITY 5½l 5th of 11 to Golden Pound in rating related stakes at Ascot (1m, good to firm). DISALLOWED beat King Of Sparta short-head in maiden auction at Ripon (1m 1f, good to firm). SMARTER CHARTER beat Bon Luck 3l in handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good to firm). DIVINE QUEST 4¼l 4th of 5 to El Opera in maiden at Yarmouth (7f, firm). PREMIER GENERATION 1¾l 6th of 18 to Sound Check in handicap at Salisbury (1m, good to firm). SYLVAN PRINCESS beat White Settler 2½l in handicap at Salisbury (1m, good to firm).
Selection: SYLVAN PRINCESS

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	65	277	23.5	J D Smith	4	25	16.0
P Walwyn	13	183	15.7	J Stack	7	54	13.0
J Watts	6	39	15.4	R Hills	28	255	11.0
J Gosden	54	362	14.9	Only qualifiers			
P Cole	29	200	14.5				
E Alston	4	31	12.9				

4.10 HERO LITE NURSERY HANDICAP

C4

(2-Y-O: £18,438: 6f) (9 runners)

1	(9)	3110	FOR YOUR EYES ONLY 44 (D,F,G) (R Griffin) T Easterby 9-7	M Birch	87
2	(2)	111514	FOR OLD TIMES SAKE 14 (F,G) (Mrs B Blum) J Berry 9-4	M Baird (5)	96
3	(4)	011	MISS STAMPER 14 (F) (J R Leisure Ltd) R Hannon 9-2	D Harrison	94
4	(1)	31454	EXIT TO RIO 21 (S) (P Leonard) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0	O Urbina	87
5	(8)	5251	HALOWING 21 (D,F) (R Trontz) P Kelleway 8-12	Paul Eddery	88
6	(6)	02414	NOMORE MR NICEGUY 21 (G) (Mrs C McPhail) E Alston 8-12	J Lowe	83
7	(7)	41	DEMOLITION MAN 29 (D,G) (Mrs K Fritz) J Watts 8-5	B Thomson	95
8	(5)	002	OCKER 9 (T Claydon) M Tompkins 8-2	P Robinson	84
9	(3)	003	ULTRA BOY 8 (Pet Express (W&R) Ltd) P Haslam 7-10	R Mullen (7)	[illegible]

Long handicap: Ultra Boy 7-9

BETTING: 3-1 Demolition Man, 7-2 Miss Stamper, 5-1 Ocker, 6-1 For Old Times Sake, Halowing, 8-1 Exit To Rio, For Your Eyes Only, 10-1 others

1995: RABICAN 8-8 D R McCabe (8-1) G Bravery 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY beat Superior Premium 2½l in 6-runner conditions race at Beverley (5f, good to firm) with FOR OLD TIMES SAKE (5lb better off) 4¾l 5th. MISS STAMPER beat Young Bigwig ¾l in 14-runner auction race at Newbury (5f, good to firm). EXIT TO RIO 3½l 4th of 8 to Top Of The Form in nursery at York (5f, good). HALOWING beat Kenwood Melody ¾l in 5-runner nursery at Lingfield (6f, good to firm). DEMOLITION MAN beat Myrmidon 2l in maiden auction at Haydock (6f, good) with ULTRA BOY (9lb better off) 9l 8th. OCKER 1½l 2nd of 8 to Our Home Land in maiden at Catterick (6f, good to firm).
Selection: MISS STAMPER (nap)

4.40 NGK SPARK PLUGS HANDICAP

C4

(£6,004, 1m 2f) (12 runners)

1	(1)	0-16005	BALL GOWN 4 (CD,F,G,S) (C Lines) D Thom 6-10-0	P Robinson	90
2	(11)	122620	BARDON HILL BOY 24 (D,F,G) (Ms M Breslin) B Hanbury 4-9-11	J Stack	86
3	*(2)*	*031246*	*CLIFTON FOX 15 (F,G,S) (P and S Partnership) J Glover 4-9-5*	*M Birch*	*89*
4	(8)	1-0100	GOLD DISC 34 (D,F,G) (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-9-3	J D Smith (5)	91
5	(4)	210	KELTOI 54 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-9-3	O Urbina	85
6	(6)	0/350-00	WILLIE CONQUER 19 (R Tooth) R Akehurst 4-9-0	Paul Eddery	87
7	(12)	204541	NOBLE SPRINTER 28 (D,F,G) (Khanmaher) W Haggas 4-9-0	B Thomson	94
8	(9)	0130	SLIP JIG 23 (S) (J Horgan) R Hannon 3-8-12	R Hughes	88
9	(10)	11006	COACHELLA 19 (G) (A Reid) M Ryan 3-8-12	S Whitworth	96
10	(3)	012006	DOMITIA 12 (D,F,G) (M Fitzgerald) M Bell 4-8-7	M Fenton	[illegible]
11	(5)	5015	OOPS PETTIE 8 (D,F) (Mrs D MacRae) Mrs J Cecil 3-8-7	A Clark	97
12	(7)	03-5010	STATELY DANCER 53 (D,F) (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 3-8-1	F Norton	85

BETTING: 7-2 Oops Pettie, 9-2 Clifton Fox, 5-1 Noble Sprinter, 6-1 Ball Gown, Coachella, 10-1 Keltoi, 12-1 others

1995: PURSUIT OF GLORY 4-9-7 K Fallon (12-1) C Cyzer 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BALL GOWN 6½l 5th of 13 to Grand Selection in handicap at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm). BARDON HILL BOY ½l 2nd of 6 to Canton Venture in handicap at (1m 4f 93yd, firm). KELTOI beat Gold Spats head in 20-runner maiden at Newbury (1m, good to firm) with SLIP JIG (5lb better off) 6¾l 8th. NOBLE SPRINTER beat Danegold neck in *10-runner apprentice jockeys' handicap at Haydock* (1m 2f 120yd, good).
SLIP JIG 5½l 3rd of 5 to Sezaro in conditions race at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). OOPS PETTIE beat Renzo 2l in 10-runner maiden at Chepstow (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: BALL GOWN

5.15 YE OLDE OAK TOP DOG HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £5,049: 1m 4f) (16 runners)

1	(3)	065-	ROSEBERRY AVENUE 294 (P Savill) Lady Herries 9-7	R Hughes	87
2	(13)	04603	ARKTIKOS 11 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-6	B Thomson	92
3	(16)	00-1163	TEMPTRESS 17 (D,BF,F,S) (A Oldrey) P Walwyn 9-5	Paul Eddery	97
4	(12)	500-6	DELLA CASA 28 (BF) (Sultan Al Kabeer) J Dunlop 9-4	S Whitworth	88
5	(9)	000	*LOVE AND KISSES 24 (P Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-2*	*W J O'Connor*	*87*
6	(4)	5-00	FUTURE'S TRADER 58 (A Hakimi) R Hannon 9-0	A Clark	88
7	(14)	564661	SNOW FALCON 13 (F) (Mrs G Rowland-Clark) M Bell 8-12	M Fenton	97
8	(5)	0-45434	BATOUTOFTHEBLUE 45 (Dr C Emmerson) W Haigh 8-12	M Rimmer	95
9	(2)	004	SCOTTISH HERO 39 (W Gredley) J Fanshawe 8-11	J Stack	93
10	(15)	0-04412	BLENHEIM TERRACE 23 (G) (A Lyons) C Booth 8-10	A Culhane	95
11	(6)	0000	INDUNA MKUBWA 61 (Induna Racing Partners) C Wall 8-7	P Clarke (7)	[illegible]
12	(7)	251303	ORDAINED 17 (F) (P Ebdon) E Alston 8-6	J Lowe	92
13	(11)	04-0000	PRINCE ZIZIM 28 (J Purcell) R Spicer 8-2	F Norton	95
14	(10)	000632	BREYDON 12 (P Roseborough) M Tompkins 7-10	R Mullen (7)	91
15	(8)	0-00000	DASHING INVADER 29 (The Moinoers) P Harris 7-10	*J Tate*	–
16	(1)	650000	DAUPHIN 25 (Mrs R Brown) W Musson 7-10	M Baird (5)	–

Long handicap: Dauphin 6-12

BETTING: 5-1 Arktikos, 7-1 Roseberry Avenue, 8-1 Temptress, Ordained, 10-1 Snow Falcon, Batoutoftheblue, Blenheim Terrace, 14-1 others

1995: SILKTAIL 8-3 G Carter (15-8 fav) J Berry 7 ran

☐ **The Paul Cole-trained Montjoy (Richard Quinn) and Clive Brittain's Needle Gun (Michael Kinane)** ***represent Britain in*** **the 11-runner group one £99,099 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis Bayerisches Zuchtrennen (1m 2f) at Munich tomorrow. The Aga Khan will be represented by both the dual French group one winner, Valanour (Gerald Mossé), and the Irish filly, Timarida** ***(John Murtagh). Last year's winner, Germany (Ray Cochrane),*** **and the German 1,000 Guineas winner, La Blue (Darryll Holland), head the home team.**

RACING NEXT WEEK

MONDAY: **Brighton** (Sky, first race 5.55), **Carlisle** (Sky, 6.10), Newton Abbot (2.15), **Ripon** (2.30)

TUESDAY: **Brighton** (2.00), **Catterick Bridge** (2.15).

WEDNESDAY: **Brighton** (2.15), **Kempton Park** (Sky, 5.50), **Newcastle** (2.30), **Nottingham** (Sky, 6.05)

THURSDAY: **Hamilton Park** (6.05), **Pontefract** (2.45), **Yarmouth** (5.50)

FRIDAY: **Haydock Park** (6.10), ***Newmarket*** *(6.00), Plumpton (2.30),* ***Redcar*** (2.40), **Wolverhampton** (AW, 2.20)

SATURDAY: **Ayr** (2.05), **Haydock Park** (BBC, 2.15), **Lingfield Park** (Turf and AW 5.40), Market Rasen (5.50), **Newmarket** (C4, 2.00), **Redcar** (2.10), Worcester (6.00)

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Last Second can time challenge to perfection

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

GOODWOOD
BBC2

2.00: My Lewicia is the form choice judged on her second behind Missile at Newmarket, but Peter Harris's yard has gone a month without a winner. **Russian Music** did not get the best of rides behind Hammerstein at Ascot and can reverse the form on 4lb better terms.

2.30: Top-weights win more than their fair share of the early nurseries and **Double Park** can become the third such winner at Goodwood this week from a plum high draw. She made all the running when landing a similar event at Ayr. The main threat may come from Sun O'Tirol, who won well at Folkestone.

3.10: This race has been kind to favourite backers down the years, and **Last Second** can continue the trend after nearly landing a huge gamble at Royal Ascot in the Coronation Stakes. She showed a fine turn of foot that day and her breeding suggests today's extra quarter-mile is within her compass. Mezzogiorno was third to Lady Carla in the Oaks before disappointing in France and Whitewater Affair, winner of the Lupe Stakes here, is a bigger danger.

3.45: see facing page.

RICHARD EVANS

NEWMARKET
CHANNEL 4

3.05: Moonshiner is the first foal of Marling, by Irish River. Bachelors Pad is also bred to be sharp but Mowjood and Home Alone hail from stables whose juveniles tend to improve for their debut. Of those with experience, Olivo showed promise at Newbury but the form of **Musical Pursuit's** Newmarket debut is working out well.

3.35: Sky Dome can complete a quick double for the Tompkins stable. The colt led home the stands' side group at Newmarket last month. That was only good enough for seventh place, but it proved his effectiveness over this trip. Sky Dome can outpoint Smarter Charter, who is not guaranteed the fast pace he requires. This shorter trip may count against Disallowed.

4.10: For Your Eyes Only returns to six furlongs after disappointing over the minimum trip at Royal Ascot. He looks a better prospect than Miss Stamper, who steps up to this trip for the first time. For Old Times Sake faced an impossible task when conceding 12lb to Easycall, subsequently winner of the Richmond Stakes. However, **Demolition Man**, an easy Haydock winner, makes most appeal.

4.40: Oops Pettie, who met with interference at Ascot, has obvious claims but **Ball Gown** could prove too strong. The mare showed herself in a favourable light at Goodwood, finishing fifth in much stronger company. Bardon Hill Boy could play a part now that he tackles his best trip. Stately Dancer may have found 12 furlongs beyond him last time.

JULIAN MUSCAT

Goodwood

Going: good to firm

2.15 (7f) 1, GREEN BARRIES (R Hills, 10-1); 2, Dancing Image (Martin Dwyer, 6-1 fav); 3, Miss Riviera (M Hills, 11-1); 4, Unconditional Love (D Holland, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Ood Dancer, 15-2 High Summer, 10 Royal Mark, 14 Lill Claire, 16 Albert The Bear (5th), 20 Banzhaf (6th), Caricature, Cross Of Valour, School Boy, 25 Prends Ca, Royal Canaska, Wisam, 33 Steal 'em, 40 Lucky Archer. 18 ran. 3l, 1¾l, ½l, ½l, hd. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £9.00; £2.50, £1.70, £2.30, £3.10. DF: £20.90. Trio: £101.30. CSF: £61.51. Tricast: £822.48.

2.45 (1m 2f) 1, FAHIM (R Hills, 5-2 fav, Thunderer's nap and Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Murheb (M Hills, 33-1); 3, Crown Court (Pat Eddery, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Mawingo (5th), 9 Double Bluff, 14 Kuala Lipis (6th), 16 Exalted, Freedom Flame, 25 Al Abraq, Believe Me, Mushahid, Wot No Fax, 50 Iamus, The Dilettanti (4th). 14 ran. ¾l, nk, ¾l, ½l, 4l. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tote: £4.10; £2.00, £10.00, £2.30. DF: £113.30. Trio: £131.70. CSF: £88.08. Tricast: £293.21.

3.20 (1m 4f) 1, SALMON LADDER (T Quinn, 7-2 fav); 2, Midnight Legend (J Reid, 5-1); 3, Better Offer (M Hills, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Sanmartino (4th), Son Of Sharp Shot (6th), 9 Rokeby Bowl (5th), 12 Royal Scimitar, 14 Ionio, River North. 9 ran. 1¼l, ¾l, 6l, ½l, 2½l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £4.00; £1.50, £2.30, £2.00. DF: £9.20. Trio: £10.50. CSF: £19.80. Tricast: £77.78.

3.50 (5f) 1, CARMINE LAKE (J Reid, 6-1); 2, Connemara (K Fallon, 10-1); 3, Deep Finesse (P Robinson, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Tipsy Creek (6th), 7 Vax Star, 10 Olympic Spirit (5th), 25 Omaha City (4th). 7 ran. Nk, 1¾l, 1¼l, nk, 5l. P Chapple-Hyam at Manton. Tote: £8.80; £2.80, £3.20. DF: £36.70. CSF: £52.49.

4.25 (7f) 1, DICKIE BIRD (Pat Eddery, 7-2); 2, Zaretski (B Doyle, 2-1 jt-fav); 3, Prairie Falcon (M Hills, 2-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Quertier (4th), 10 Unknown Territory (5th). 5 ran. 1¼l, 3½l, 18l, 2l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £3.60; £1.40, £1.70. DF: £5.40. CSF: £10.35.

5.00 (5f) 1, CLAN CHIEF (T Quinn, 9-4 fav); 2, Literary Society (J Quinn, 4-1); 3, White Emir (B Doyle, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Paojiunic, 8 Gwespyr (6th), 12 Dande Flyer (5th), Sharp Pearl, 14 Step On Degas, 20 Chemcast (4th). 9 ran. 1¾l, ½l, 1¾l, nk, 4l. J Arnold at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.90; £1.40, £1.80, £2.20. DF: £5.00. Trio: £9.80. CSF: £10.89. Tricast: £59.24.

5.35 (6f) 1, HAWA AL NASAMAAT (Dane O'Neill, 11-4 fav); 2, Tiler (M Henry, 3-1); 3, Hinton Rock (D Wright, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Rock Symphony (4th), 13-2 Anselman (disq), 12 Fantasy Racing, Scharnhorst, 16 Scissor Ridge, 20 Random (4th), 50 Petraco. 10 ran. NR: Samwar. 2½l, nk, hd, dd-ht. E Dunlop at Newmarket. Tote: £3.20; £1.80, £1.80, £7.00. DF: £3.80. Trio: £82.10. CSF: £10.32. After a stewards' inquiry, Anselman, who finished third, was disqualified and placed last.

Jackpot: £146,029.90 (0.79 winning tickets; pool of £43,191.97 carried forward to Goodwood today).

Placepot: £207.30.

Quadpot: £39.00.

Thirsk

Going: good to firm

2.00 (6f) 1, Benzoe (J Fortune, 11-10 fav); 2, Kira (9-1); 3, Cheeky Chappy (5-1). 9 ran. 1¾l, nk. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £2.90, £1.90. DF: £14.60. Trio: £34.00. CSF: £12.08. Tricast: £37.14.

2.30 (5f) 1, Bold African (A Culhane, 5-1); 2, Under Pressure (13-2); 3, Swiss Coast (7-1). Ballymote 2-1 fav. 9 ran. 1l, ¾l. P Evans. Tote: £6.00; £1.40, £1.60, £1.80. DF: £16.40. Trio: £60.90. CSF: £34.80. Tricast: £210.27.

3.00 (1m 4f) 1, Trilby (A Culhane, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Daira (20-1); 3, Alisura (4-1). Fiona Shann 5-2 jt-fav. 9 ran. Hd, 4l. P Cole. Tote: £3.50; £1.20, £3.00, £2.00. DF: £18.90. Trio: £11.70. CSF: £44.95. Tricast: £186.18.

3.30 (1m) 1, Royal Result (M Fenton, 1-5 fav); 2, Vanadium Ore (100-1); 3, Alayyib (4-1). 7 ran. NR: Hill House Teacher. ¾l, 6l. M Stoute. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £5.80. DF: £15.10. CSF: £17.12.

4.05 (7f) 1, Dashing Rocksville (J Fortune, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Sandbaggedagain (9-2); 3, Pirate's Girl (6-1). Irish Fiction 3-1 jt-fav. 10 ran. Shh d, ¾l. M Channon. Tote: £4.20; £1.40, £1.90, £2.90. DF: £11.20. Trio: £31.20. CSF: £18.08.

4.35 (7f) 1, Lucky Revenge (Claire Angell, 5-2 fav); 2, Gool Lee Shay (16-1); 3, Fieldstar (9-2). 8 ran. 1¾l, nk. M Meade. Tote: £3.40; £1.50, £5.10, £1.30. DF: £26.40. CSF: £35.97. Tricast: £161.87.

Placepot: £20.70.

Quadpot: £7.80.

Bangor

Going: good to firm

3.10 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Friendly Dreams (T Eley, 50-1); 2, Four Weddings (6-5 fav); 3, Balmoral Princess (66-1). 9 ran. 6l, 3½l. P Dalton. Tote: £85.40; £7.90, £1.10, £2.50. DF: £38.10. Trio: £85.30. CSF: £104.35.

3.40 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Sticky Money (D Bridgwater, 8-13 fav); 2, Pharrago (6-1); 3, Scrabo View (4-1). 4 ran. NR: Priesthill. 4l, 4l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.30. DF: £2.60. CSF: £4.37.

4.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Peter Monamy (D Walsh, 4-5 fav); 2, Green's Seago (2-1); 3, Forgetful (4-1). 5 ran. NR: Culrain. 2½l, dist. M Pipe. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £1.30. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.13. Bought in 6,250gns.

4.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Diamond Cut (D Bridgwater, 4-1); 2, Dancing Dove (4-1); 3, First Crack (9-2). Blue Raven 2-1 fav. 7 ran. 3l, 1¼l. M Pipe. Tote: £4.60; £2.10, £2.60. DF: £6.90. CSF: £18.95.

5.20 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Pond House (D Bridgwater, 13-2); 2, Miners Rest (11-2); 3, Forest Feather (6-4 fav). 7 ran. 3½l, 1¼l. M Pipe. Tote: £5.90; £2.60, £2.10. DF: £10.20. CSF: £37.41.

5.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Lancer (W Marston, 11-2); 2, Million Dancer (2-7 fav); 3, Seven Wells (33-1). 8 ran. Hd, dist. R Juckes. Tote: £3.90; £1.10, £1.10, £5.10. DF: £2.40. CSF: £7.42.

Placepot: £10.70. Quadpot: £9.70.

Thursday's late details

Salisbury

Going: good to firm, good in places

6.05 (6f) 1, Highland Rhapsody (M Hills, 5-2 fav); 2, Redskin Lady (14-1); 3, Yukon Hope (5-1). 16 ran. 2l, ¾l. I Balding. Tote: £3.00; £1.50, £1.90, £2.10. DF: £8.70. Trio: £26.10. CSF: £35.95.

6.35 (1m 6f) 1, Chris's Lad (B Doyle, 11-1); 2, Sea Freedom (7-1); 3, Our Kris (9-2). Silktail 2-1 fav. 8 ran. 2½l, 4l. B Meehan. Tote: £13.00; £3.20, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £33.10. CSF: £77.07. Tricast: £362.92.

7.05 (6f) 1, Compton Place (S Sanders, 5-4 fav); 2, Dalmeny Dancer (16-1); 3, Colombia (10-3). 4 ran. 2l, 2½l. J Toller. Tote: £2.00. DF: £4.80. CSF: £12.36.

7.35 (1m) 1, Sylvan Princess (Martin Dwyer, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, White Settler (11-2); 3, Ballpoint (8-1). Tea Party 4-1 jt-fav. 14 ran. 2½l, 1¾l. C Allen. Tote: £4.20; £1.90, £2.90, £4.30. DF: £9.00. Trio: £30.90. CSF: £25.04. Tricast: £159.50.

8.05 (6f) 1, Ortolan (Dane O'Neill, Evens fav); 2, Golden Silver (25-1); 3, Bella's Legacy (20-1). 13 ran. NR: Music Mistress. 3l, nk. R Hannon. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £4.80, £3.90. DF: £36.00. Trio: £357.90 (part won; pool of £171.40 carried forward to today). CSF: £25.11.

8.35 (6f 212yd) 1, Winsome Wooster (S Drowne, 16-1); 2, Zelda Zonk (12-1); 3t, Audrey Grace (8-1); 3t, Nunsharpa (5-2 fav). 14 ran. 3l, ½l. P Murphy. Tote: £15.50; £3.00, £2.40. Nunsharpa £1.10, Audrey Grace £1.00. DF: £68.50. Trio: Zelda Zonk, Nunsharpa, Winsome Wooster, £44.00; Zelda Zonk, Winsome Wooster, Audrey Grace, £50.40. CSF: £187.07. Tricast: Winsome Wooster, Zelda Zonk, Nunsharpa £308.63, Winsome Wooster, Zelda Zonk, Audrey Grace £501.52.

Placepot: £89.20. Quadpot: £9.30.

Doncaster

Going: good to firm

6.20 (2m 110yd) 1, Old School House (Mrs J Naughton, 13-2); 2, Arian Spirit (9-2); 3, Candle Smoke (11-4 fav). 11 ran. 3½l, hd. T Naughton. Tote: £7.00; £2.10, £2.00, £1.60. DF: £14.00. Trio: £23.10. CSF: £36.89. Tricast: £94.05.

6.50 (7f) 1, Papua (K Fallon, 3-1); 2, Brave Act (13-8); 3, Fool Battalion (14-1). Flaming West 11-8 fav. 5 ran. 1½l, ¾l. I Balding. Tote: £3.90; £1.80, £1.60. DF: £5.30. CSF: £8.40.

7.20 (7f) 1, Grey Kingdom (J Lowe, 12-1); 2, Samsolom (10-1); 3, Zain Dancer (9-1). Shontaine 7-2 fav. 15 ran. ¾l, 1l. M Brittain. Tote: £19.10; £4.60, £3.00, £3.90. DF: £47.30. Trio: £505.60 (part won; pool of £576.89 carried forward to today). CSF: £131.28. Tricast: £1,087.16.

7.50 (6f) 1, Halmanerror (K Fallon, 11-2); 2, Royal Dome (4-1); 3, Cretan Gift (10-1). Almasi 9-4 fav. 10 ran. 2½l, ¾l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £5.90; £1.90, £2.40, £2.90. DF: £11.70. Trio: £59.90. CSF: £28.48.

8.20 (1m) 1, Ruznama (R Hills, 5-1); 2, Bishop Of Cashel (10-1); 3, Phantom Quest (6-4 fav). 10 ran. Hd, ¾l. B Hills. Tote: £6.90; £1.90, £3.80, £1.40. DF: £59.20. Trio: £25.90. CSF: £53.46.

8.50 (6f) 1, Bee Health Boy (G Parkin, 16-1); 2, No Monkey Nuts (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Myttons Mistake (15-2). Mamly 4-1 jt-fav. 8 ran. Nk, 1½l. M W Easterby. Tote: £30.40; £5.70, £1.30, £3.30. DF: £73.80. CSF: £78.55. Tricast: £497.85.

Placepot: £372.70. Quadpot: £73.70.

HAMILTON PARK

THUNDERER
5.50 Henry The Hawk. 6.20 William Wallace. 6.50 Call Me. 7.20 North Ardar. 7.50 Natural Key. 8.20 Balladoole Bajan. 8.50 Rapid Mover.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH BEST SIS

5.50 VARIETY CLUB CHARITY HANDICAP
(£2,484: 6f 5yd) (10 runners)

1 1006 HALLIARD 35 (F,G) R McKellar 5-12-0 ... Mr R McKellar 1
2 -000 SHAA SPIN 12 J Berry 4-11-3 ... Mr R Hale 4
3 5241 SUNDAY MAIL TOO 13 (CD,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 4-11-2 ... Mr J Weymes 7
4 4504 HENRY THE HAWK 10 (C,D,S) M Dods 5-11-0 ... Mr S Swiers 6
5 0556 SIX FOR LUCK 15 (F) D Nolan 4-10-13 ... Mr D Nolan 5
6 6345 SALLYOREALLY 53 W Storey 5-10-4 ... Miss M Carson 10
7 0006 ROSEATE LODGE 26 (D,F,G) S Kettlewell 10-10-3 ... Mr S Kettlewell 3
8 0832 SECONDS AWAY 18 J Goldie 5-9-10 ... Miss P Robson 8
9 0060 BELLA COOLA 12 M Meade 4-9-9 ... Mr S Rutherford 2
10 6000 AYE READY 13 (V) Miss L Perratt 3-9-7 ... Mr G Woodward 9

7-2 Sunday Mail Too, 4-1 Halliard, Six For Luck, 9-2 Seconds Away, 5-1 Sallyoreally, 8-1 Roseate Lodge, 10-1 Henry The Hawk, 12-1 others.

6.20 GLENGOYNE SINGLE HIGHLAND MALT SCOTCH WHISKY MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,518: 6f 5yd) (4)

1 322 CANADIAN FANTASY 19 (BF) M Johnston 9-0 ... T Williams 4
2 052 KAISER KACHE 14 K McAuliffe 9-0 ... R Havlin (5) 3
3 50 NANT Y GAMER 23 J Berry 9-0 ... J Fanning 2
4 066 WILLIAM WALLACE 10 C Murray 9-0 ... A Mackay 1

4-7 Canadian Fantasy, 11-4 Kaiser Kache, 8-1 William Wallace, 14-1 Nant Y Gamer

6.50 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £7,068: 1m 1f 36yd) (4)

1 4265 NOSE NO BOUNDS 8 (B,G) M Johnston 9-7 ... T Williams 3
2 1633 CALL ME 15 (D,G) C Thornton 9-1 ... D McKeown 4
3 0022 GULF OF SIAM 18 Miss S Hall 8-7 ... A Mackay 1
4 2410 TERMON 10 (G) Miss L Perratt 8-6 ... J Fanning 2

11-8 Call Me, 11-4 Gulf Of Siam, 7-2 Nose No Bounds, 4-1 Termon

7.20 BURNBANK SELLING STAKES
(£2,402: 1m 65yd) (4)

1 1112 NORTH ARDAR 19 (BF,F,G) J J O'Neill 6-9-9 ... S Copp (5) 3
2 0603 SCHOOL OF SCIENCE 12 D Nolan 6-9-5 ... V Halliday 2
3 /0-5 CORKY'S GIRL 12 R McKellar 4-9-6 ... D McGaffin (7) 1
4 4062 TIBBI BLUES 28 (D,G) W Storey 9-9-0 ... Iona Wands (7) 4

4-9 North Ardar, 2-1 Tibbi Blues, 20-1 School Of Science, 33-1 Corky's Girl.

7.50 EVENING TIMES FILLIES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,631. 6f 5yd) (4)

1 -050 NASSANT 60 R McKellar 9-7 ... T Williams 4
2 4241 LUCKY REVENGE 1 M Meade 9-7 (7ex) ... B McKeown 1
3 0301 NATURAL KEY 22 (CD,F) D Haydn Jones 8-7 ... A Mackay 2
4 2463 PATHAZE 15 (F) N Bycroft 8-0 ... J Fanning 3

4-5 Lucky Revenge, 7-4 Natural Key, 7-1 Pathaze, 12-1 Naissant.

8.20 EAGLE TAVERNS TAM PARKS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,619: 5f 4yd) (7)

1 0020 ANTARES 1 N Tinkler 8-11 ... Kim Tinkler 4
2 3 JEFFREY ANOTHERRED 23 K McAuliffe 8-7 ... R Havlin (5) 6
3 3 BALLADOOLE BAJAN 17 M Johnston 8-6 ... T Williams 2
4 2 KEEN TO PLEASE 12 Denys Smith 8-2 ... J Fanning 7
5 335 MARSH MARIGOLD 2 M Meade 8-0 ... K Sked (7) 3
6 305 MY GIRL 12 J Berry 8-0 ... A Mackay 5
7 0056 ALISADARA 7 (B) N Bycroft 7-12 ... Iona Wands (7) 1

7-4 Balladoole Bajan, 9-4 Keen To Please, 9-2 Jeffrey Anotherred, 5-1 others.

8.50 LINN MOTOR GROUP V40 HANDICAP
(£3,648: 1m 3f 16yd) (8)

1 2332 ASKERN 10 (C,BF,F) D Haydn Jones 5-10-0 ... A Mackay 1
2 3265 TISSUE OF LIES 13 M Johnston 3-9-7 ... T Williams 2
3 4503 DR EDGAR 9 (F,G) M Dods 4-9-7 ... J Fanning 7
4 3542 LORD ADVOCATE 3 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Nolan 8-9-0 ... R Havlin (5) 8
5 0042 NORTHERN MOTTO 30 W Storey 3-8-6 ... D McKeown 6
6 20-3 WARWICK MIST 22 B Mactaggart 4-7-10 ... Iona Wands (7) 5
7 0006 RAPID MOVER 33 (B,CD,S) D Nolan 9-7-10 ... K Sked (7) 3
8 0605 FUNNY ROSE 22 (D,F) P Monteith 6-7-10 ... J Bramhill (7) 4

11-4 Lord Advocate, 3-1 Northern Motto, 7-2 Askern, 9-2 Dr Edgar, 5-1 Tissue Of Lies, 10-1 Warwick Mist, 12-1 others.

NEWTON ABBOT

THUNDERER
2.25 Always Happy. 2.55 Trade Wind. 3.30 Heresthedeal. 4.05 Dream Here. 4.40 Muskora. 5.10 Country Star.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.25 THOROUGHBRED CLOTHING COMPANY PRESENTS SCUDAMORE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,699: 2m 1f) (5 runners)

1 BEN BOWDEN 31F M Blanchard 10-12 ... J Osborne
2 SAUCY SOUL 75F W G M Turner 10-12 ... J Power (7)
3 ALWAYS HAPPY 43F M Pipe 10-7 ... D Bridgwater
4 BULLPEN BELLE 34F P Walwyn 10-7 ... B Powell
5 OUR ADVENTURE 32F M Muggeridge 10-7 ... S Curran

5-4 Always Happy, 7-4 Bullpen Belle, 6-1 Saucy Soul, 8-1 Ben Bowden, 10-1 Our Adventure

2.55 CLIVE MORGAN SELLING HURDLE
(£1,784: 2m 1f) (7)

1 06-1 TRADE WIND 15 (V,D,F) J O'Shea 5-11-12 ... Michael Brennan (5)
2 /3-4 CLANCY'S EXPRESS 13 J Fox 5-10-12 ... S Fox
3 /P-4 DOUBLE PENDANT 55 P Hobbs 5-10-12 ... A P McCoy
4 00-F DR DAVE 15 K McAuliffe 5-10-12 ... B Powell
5 INDRAPURA 9F M Pipe 4-10-9 ... D Bridgwater
6 42-5 SWEET DISORDER 13 H Manners 6-10-7 ... A Dowling (7)
7 6- BURNT SIENNA 9F J Moore 4-10-4 ... W McFarland

11-4 Indrapura, 3-1 Double Pendant, 7-2 Trade Wind, Dr Dave, 10-1 Clancy's Express, 14-1 Sweet Disorder, 16-1 Burnt Sienna.

3.30 FRANCIS KEARNS 70TH BIRTHDAY NOVICES CHASE (£2,846: 2m 110yd) (5)

1 -645 DUKE OF DREAMS 16 (F) R Baker 6-10-12 ... B Powell
2 20P- GREAT UNCLE 77P (F,G) J Dulosse 8-10-12 ... G Upton
3 323- HERESTHEDEAL 65 (F,G) G McCourt 7-10-12 ... B Clifford
4 5-53 NORDIC VALLEY 24 (F,G,S) M Pipe 5-10-9 ... D Bridgwater
5 5-43 STAPLEFORD LADY 16 (BF,F) J Moore 8-10-7 ... W McFarland

Evens Heresthedeal, 7-4 Nordic Valley, 10-1 Duke Of Dreams, Stapleford Lady, 12-1 Great Uncle

4.05 FORT GEORGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,929: 2m 6f) (6)

1 03-4 DREAM HERE 45 (BF) J Fox 8-12-0 ... B Fenton
2 02-P AKIYMANN 19F M Pipe 6-11-6 ... B Moore (4)
3 314- CASHFLOW CRISIS 68 (F) J Mullins 4-10-8 ... T J Murphy
4 P35- MINERS REST 84P P Hobbs 8-10-7 ... D J Kavanagh
5 5P/4 IDIOM 7 Mrs J Retter 9-10-0 ... J Culloty
6 0-5P LAC DE GRAS 44 R Curtis 5-10-0 ... D Walsh

2-1 Dream Here, 11-4 Idiom, 9-2 Cashflow Crisis, 5-1 Akiymann, Miners Rest, 14-1 Lac De Gras

4.40 NEWTON ABBOT TOWN DAY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,458: 2m 5f 110yd) (6)

1 21-5 MUSKORA 56 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) P Hobbs 7-12-0 ... A P McCoy
2 -322 ANDRELOT 13 (B,F,G) P Bowen 9-11-5 ... M A Fitzgerald
3 5P5- SOHAIL 70P (F,G,S) J King 13-10-8 ... J Culloty
4 -323 HENLEY REGATTA 13 (F) P Rodford 8-10-1 ... S Burrough
5 3/P0 THE LORRYMAN 24 (F,S) N Mitchell 8-10-1 ... S McNeill
6 2-54 JIM VALENTINE 15 (B,D,F,S) D Wintle 10-10-0 ... W Marston

7-4 Andrelot, 3-1 Muskora, 7-2 Henley Regatta, 6-1 Sohail, Jim Valentine, 16-1 The Lorryman

5.10 PHOENIX PRINT HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,201: 2m 1f) (6)

1 41- COUNTRY STAR 116 (F) C Brooks 5-12-0 ... G Bradley
2 /3P- COOLEY'S VALVE 64 (F) Mrs S Williams 8-11-11 ... S McNeill
3 115/ ROCA MURADA 442 (CD,F,G) P Hobbs 7-11-4 ... A P McCoy
4 600- RE ROI 114 J Fox 4-10-7 ... T J Murphy (3)
5 -26P COMMANCHE CREEK 13 (D,F) Miss J du Plessis 6-10-8 ... Sophie Mitchell (5)
6 P03- PUSEY STREET BOY 34F (F) J Bosley 9-10-0 ... I Lawrence

4-5 Country Star, 11-4 Roca Murada, 8-1 Cooley's Valve, Pusey Street Boy, 10-1 Re Roi, 16-1 Commanche Creek

WINDSOR

THUNDERER
6.00 Return To Brighton. 6.30 Flame Valley. 7.00 Mara River. 7.30 Monument. 8.00 The Institute Boy. 8.30 Civil Liberty.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.00 FRIENDLY FLAME APPRENTICE SELLING HANDICAP (£2,211: 1m 67yd) (18 runners)

1 600 ARCH ENEMY 60 Miss K George 3-9-10 ... P Doe 7
2 0501 CHARLTON IMP 32 (D,F) R Hodges 3-9-8 ... D Salt (5) 4
3 -000 GREY CHARMER 190 (C,F,G) R Buckler 7-9-8 ... S Crawford (5) 12
4 1450 RETURN TO BRIGHTON 10 (D,F) J Bradley 4-9-4 ... C Lowther 18
5 0050 FASTINI GOLD 5 (V) M Usher 4-9-4 ... R Brisland 13
6 0040 ACQUITTAL 10 (V,BF,F) A Streeter 4-9-4 ... G Hannon 1
7 50-0 FLAIR LADY 198 (D,F) W G M Turner 5-9-3 ... R Cody-Boutcher (5) 9
8 2000 QUEEN OF SHANNON 8 (V,G,S) A Carroll 8-9-3 ... R Studholme 16
9 0050 TAUTEN 7 (V) P Burgoyne 6-9-0 ... J Bosley (5) 2
10 3000 BAD NEWS 21 J Bradley 4-8-13 ... G Mills (5) 5
11 0500 OOZLEM 22 (B,D,F,G) J Poulton 7-8-12 ... T Field 14
12 3404 TALLULAH BELLE 14 N Littmoden 3-8-11 ... David O'Neill 17
13 3544 LITTLE KENNY 10 (V) M Fetherston-Godley 3-8-9 ... R Ffrench 11
14 1040 ELITE RACING 21 (D,F,G) N Tinkler 4-8-9 ... T Siddall 15
15 0350 BALPARE 29 (G) N Callaghan 3-8-8 ... J Gotobed 10
16 4000 CHIEF'S LADY 16 J Bradley 4-8-7 ... A McCarthy 3
17 000U LILAC RAIN 9 (D,G) R Stronge 4-8-7 ... C Scudder 8
18 0500 STILL HERE 22 (V,G) M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-6 ... J Fowle (3) 6

6-1 Little Kenny, 7-1 Charlton Imp, 8-1 Acquittal, 10-1 Tallulah Belle, 12-1 Tauten, Return To Brighton, 14-1 others.

6.30 AMERADA COSTS LESS MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,812: 1m 2f 7yd) (15)

1 0 ATHENIAN ALLIANCE 34 J Bradley 7-9-2 ... C Lowther (7) 3
2 0060 INDIAN WOLF 51 B Llewellyn 3-8-12 ... R Price 6
3 MONTE FELICE G Harwood 3-8-12 ... J Quinn 12
4 0-0 MOURNE MOUNTAINS 24 H Candy 3-8-12 ... C Rutter 15
5 0-4 SAWA-ID 14 J Gosden 3-8-12 ... R Hills 4
6 0-00 SUITOR 43 W Jarvis 3-8-12 ... A McGlone 2
7 4 UPPER GALLERY 60 P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-12 ... J Reid 9
8 450 VERIDIAN 26 P Harris 3-8-12 ... G Hind 7
9 0 WHAT A FUSS 24 B Hanbury 3-8-12 ... G Faulkner (7) 14
10 50 COH SHO NO 51 I Balding 3-8-7 ... Martin Dwyer (5) 13
11 4 DAZZLING 5 D O'Brien 3-8-7 ... G Bardwell 10
12 -420 FLAME VALLEY 51 M Stoute 3-8-7 ... D Harrison 8
13 0-0 PERSIAN DAWN 53 D Chappell 3-8-7 ... T Sprake 1
14 0-0 QUEENS FANCY 16 S Dow 3-8-7 ... J F Egan 11
15 TURNING WHEEL H Cecil 3-8-7 ... W Ryan 5

5-2 Flame Valley, 4-1 Turning Wheel, 6-1 Dazzling, Upper Gallery, 12-1 Veridian, Monte Felice, 14-1 others.

7.00 EBF NORTH SEA MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,306: 5f 217yd) (22)

1 2304 BOLD ORIENTAL 8 (B) N Callaghan 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 14
2 65 BROADGATE FLYER 46 (BF) W Jarvis 9-0 ... A McGlone 15
3 50 BROUGHTONS ERROR 24 W Musson 9-0 ... T Ives 20
4 0 CHAMPAGNE TOAST 70 R Hannon 9-0 ... Dane O'Neill (3) 11
5 00 DOUBLY-H 14 (B) M Bell 9-0 ... G Faulkner (7) 8
6 0 GROVEFAIR VENTURE 24 B Meehan 9-0 ... J Egan 5
7 LITTLE PROGRESS T Jones 9-0 ... R Perham 7
8 633 MARSAD 24 C Benstead 9-0 ... R Hills 17
9 MELLWOOD M Tompkins 9-0 ... P Robinson 3
10 MUMKIN T Thomson Jones 9-0 ... J Reid 19
11 MYOSOTIS P Makin 9-0 ... S Sanders 6
12 0 PENLOP 25 B Meehan 9-0 ... B Doyle 4
13 64 SHUWAIKH 3 R Hannon 9-0 ... M Hills 13
14 SILVER SECRET M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 ... S Drowne (3) 9
15 5 V I P CHARLIE 12 J Jenkins 9-0 ... S Whitworth 2
16 0 BIBA 68 R Boss 8-9 ... G Hind 10
17 KALIMAT W Jarvis 8-9 ... T Quinn 16
18 00 LUCY OF ARABIA 24 J Sheehan 8-9 ... A Morris 21
19 .4 MARA RIVER 24 I Balding 8-9 ... Martin Dwyer (5) 18
20 6 POKER PRINCESS 16 M Bell 8-9 ... W Ryan 12
21 00 ROTHERFIELD QUEEN 19 G McCourt 8-9 ... C Rutter 22
22 55 SCARLET LAKE 17 D Loder 8-9 ... P McCabe (3) 1

4-1 Marsad, 5-1 Mara River, 6-1 Bold Oriental, Scarlet Lake, 8-1 Shuwaikh, 12-1 V I P Charlie, 14-1 others

7.30 AMERADA HESS GAS CHALLENGE HANDICAP (£3,792: 1m 3f 135yd) (10)

1 534- WILD RITA 291 (G) W Muir 4-9-10 ... J Reid 8
2 4101 MONUMENT 12 (C,F) J King 4-9-7 ... Pat Eddery 5
3 0026 SUPREME STAR 10 (CD,F,G) P Hedger 5-9-3 ... Dane O'Neill (3) 7
4 422 TART 15 J Fanshawe 3-9-2 ... D Harrison 1
5 0403 TE AMO 19 (G) R Akehurst 4-9-1 ... T Quinn 3
6 300 NOBLE LORD 40 R Buckler 3-9-0 ... S Drowne (3) 2
7 0-63 MOUNTAIN DREAM 16 L Cumani 3-8-12 ... M Hills 4
8 0232 ELLY FLEETFOOT 5 (B,CD,G) M Ryan 4-8-7 ... B Doyle 10
9 -000 BROUGHTONS FORMULA 15 (B,F,G) W Musson 6-7-10 ... J Quinn 6
10 0002 PARROT'S HILL 30 M Tompkins 3-7-10 ... M Henry (3) 9

7-2 Monument, 5-1 Tart, Elly Fleetfoot, Te Amo, 6-1 Mountain Dream, 7-1 Wild Rita, 8-1 Supreme Star, 10-1 others

8.00 IT'S A GAS HANDICAP (£2,933: 5f 10yd) (11)

1 30-0 MILLESIME 10 (D,F) B Hanbury 4-10-0 ... W Ryan 4
2 5-03 IMPOSING TIME 73 (D,F,G) Miss G Kelleway 5-9-12 ... T Quinn 9
3 0332 MALIBU MAN 9 (D,BF,G) E Wheeler 4-9-10 ... T Sprake 2
4 315- PALEY PRINCE 339 (CD,F,G) M Usher 10-9-9 ... R Brisland (7) 7
5 0-00 JUST LADY 40 (D,F) W G M Turner 3-9-6 ... D Sweeney (7) 11
6 0024 GONE SAVAGE 10 (D,BF,F,G,S) W Musson 8-9-5 ... R Cochrane 3
7 0251 THE INSTITUTE BOY 10 (D,G,S) Miss J Craze 6-8-11 ... J Lowe 10
8 0055 SCORED AGAIN 9 (D,F,G,S) M Heaton-Ellis 6-8-10 ... Amanda Sanders (5) 5
9 6000 LA BELLE DOMINIQUE 59 S Knight 4-8-8 ... B Doyle 6
10 3404 SUPERLAO 17 (D,F,G) J Bridger 4-8-1 ... J Quinn 1
11 0050 CLASSIC PET 17 (V,D,G) C Horgan 4-7-12 ... N Adams 8

11-4 Gone Savage, 5-1 The Institute Boy, 6-1 Imposing Time, 7-1 Malibu Man, 8-1 Superlao, 10-1 Millesime, 12-1 others.

8.30 SOUTH WEST MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,890: 1m 67yd) (18)

1 ATOMIC SHELL C Wall 9-0 ... G Duffield 7
2 BIGWIG A Moore 9-0 ... Dane O'Neill (3) 16
3 -220 CIVIL LIBERTY 48 G Lewis 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 10
4 DANTESQUE G Wragg 9-0 ... M Hills 12
5 GRAND MUSICA I Balding 9-0 ... Martin Dwyer (5) 13
6 06 KORALOONA 5 G Balding 9-0 ... M Wigham 15
7 SOVEREIGN CREST C Horgan 9-0 ... Paul Eddery 9
8 STARTINGO B Llewellyn 9-0 ... V Slattery 1
9 TAKE NOTICE G Harwood 9-0 ... A Clark 2
10 THEATRE'S DREAM J Banks 9-0 ... J Stack 4
11 6 THE POLYMATH 40 H Candy 9-0 ... C Rutter 3
12 0 THURSTASTON 9 J Gosden 9-0 ... B Thomson 18
13 0 CALANDRELLA 5 G Balding 8-9 ... B Thomson 14
14 0- DARK TRUFFLE 442 Mrs J Cecil 8-9 ... T Ives 6
15 POLISH RHYTHM M Tompkins 8-9 ... P Robinson 5
16 30 PRESS ON NICKY 53 W Muir 8-9 ... J Reid 17
17 RAPID RETREAT E Dunlop 8-9 ... W Ryan 11
18 SAMORELLE M Ryan 8-9 ... A McCarthy (7) 8

3-1 Civil Liberty, 4-1 Dantesque, 6-1 The Polymath, 7-1 Grand Musica, 10-1 Rapid Retreat, Koraloona, 12-1 others

CHESTER TOMORROW

THUNDERER
2.30 Wizard King. 3.00 State Fair. 3.30 Sagebrush Roller. 4.00 Top Cees. 4.30 Campaspe. 5.00 I Can't Remember.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 6F-7F 122YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.30 WEST PENNINE TRUCKS FOR SCANIA CONDITIONS STAKES (£9,218: 7f 2yd) (4)

1 4001 CHICKAWICKA 32 (CD,F,G,S) B Palling 5-9-2 ... D O'Shea 2
2 13-4 STAR OF ZILZAL 16 (D,F,G) M Stoute 4-9-2 ... K Fallon 3
3 23-5 WIZARD KING 8 (CD,F,G,S) M Prescott 5-9-2 ... W Woods 1
4 -214 SABOT 23 (D,F) B Hills 3-8-13 ... M Hills 4

5-4 Wizard King, 6-4 Star Of Zilzal, 4-1 Sabot, 8-1 Chickawicka.

3.00 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND SALTNEY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O. £4,124: 7f 2yd) (4)

1 2 HINDSIGHT 18 W Haggas 9-0 ... K Fallon 1
2 32 STATE FAIR 45 B Hills 9-0 ... M Hills 2
3 ATTITRE C Brittain 8-9 ... B Doyle 4
4 2352 DANEHILL PRINCESS 16 R Hollinshead 8-9 ... F Lynch (3) 3

8-11 State Fair, 2-1 Hindsight, 7-1 Attitre, 12-1 Danehill Princess.

3.30 MAIL ON SUNDAY MILE HANDICAP
(Qualifier: £9,526: 7f 122yd) (9)

1 6002 QUEENS CONSUL 23 (D,F,G) B Rothwell 6-10-0 ... P Roberts (5) 7
2 0000 CHAMPAGNE GRANDY 16 (D,F) M Channon 6-9-11 ... P Murphy (5) 2
3 5030 ERTLON 20 (D,F,G) C Brittain 6-9-5 ... B Doyle 5
4 3214 MY GALLERY 11 (D,BF,F,G,S) A Bailey 5-9-1 ... D Wright (3) 1
5 4542 SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 15 (CD,F,G,S) J Watts 8-8-12 ... N Connorton 9
6 1463 CRETAN GIFT 3 (B,G) N Littmoden 5-8-12 ... F Lynch (3) 3
7 F640 WENTBRIDGE LAD 5 (V,CD,F,G,S) P Evans 6-8-10 ... S Sanders 8
8 6066 LE SPORT 9 (D,G) A Bailey 3-8-10 ... G Carter 6
9 0065 LITTLE IBNR 17 (D,F,G) P Evans 5-8-1 ... J F Egan 4

3-1 Queens Consul, 4-1 My Gallery, 9-2 Wentbridge Lad, 5-1 Ertlon, 7-1 Champagne Grandy, 8-1 Sagebrush Roller, 10-1 others.

4.00 SCANIA 1996 TRUCK OF THE YEAR RATED HANDICAP (£15,321: 2m 2f 147yd) (9)

1 2213 CANDLE SMILE 47 (G) M Stoute 4-9-0 ... F Lynch (3) 4
2 3-01 TOP CEES 15 (CD,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 6-8-13 ... K Fallon 3
3 16-3 DANJING 29 (F,G) M Pipe 4-8-12 ... Paul Eddery 5
4 5604 REMAADI SUN 23 (F) M Usher 4-8-10 ... R Street 2
5 0221 PEARL VENTURE 29 (F,S) S Woods 4-8-6 ... W Woods 7
6 0000 SHADIRWAN 29 (D,F,G,S) R Akehurst 5-8-4 ... S Sanders 1
7 4042 SEA VICTOR 4 (F,G) J L Harris 4-8-2 ... B Doyle 9
8 2044 EMBRYONIC 14 (BF,F) R Fisher 4-8-2 ... G Carter 8
9 3156 UPPER MOUNT CLAIR 45 (D,F,G) C Brittain 6-7-12 ... J F Egan 6

3-1 Sea Victor, 7-2 Top Cees, 4-1 Candle Smile, 5-1 Danjing, 7-1 Remaadi Sun, 8-1 Pearl Venture, 10-1 others.

4.30 SCANIA 4-SERIES KING OF THE ROAD FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,583: 1m 4f 66yd) (5)

1 6343 RASAYEL 17 (F,G) P Evans 6-9-10 ... J F Egan 2
2 0125 SACRED MIRROR 25 (D,BF,F,G) C Brittain 5-9-10 ... B Doyle 4
3 1204 HILL FARM DANCER 86 (D,F,G) W Brisbourne 5-9-5 ... Iona Wands (7) 1
4 2161 KRISTAL BREEZE 13 (F,S) W Muir 4-9-1 ... M Hills 3
5 3022 CAMPASPE 10 (D,BF,F) J Fitzgerald 4-8-13 ... K Fallon 5

5-4 Campaspe, 4-1 Sacred Mirror, 9-2 Rasayel, 11-2 Kristal Breeze, 13-2 Hill Farm Dancer.

5.00 SCANIA 4-SERIES HORSEPOWER NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £4,280: 6f 18yd) (4)

1 0233 FOOT BATTALION 3 (G) R Hollinshead 9-7 ... F Lynch (3) 4
2 3123 WAIT FOR ROSIE 73 (F) M Channon 9-3 ... P P Murphy (5) 2
3 145 WEET EES GIRL 22 (G) P Evans 9-0 ... D Griffiths (5) 1
4 1224 I CAN'T REMEMBER 5 (S) P Evans 7-10 ... D Wright (3) 3

6-4 Foot Battalion, 2-1 I Can't Remember, 7-2 Wait For Rosie, 9-2 Weet Ees Girl

☐ Spout, the mount of Pat Eddery, tries to add tomorrow's group two Prix De Pomone at Deauville to her wins in the John Porter Stakes and Lancashire Oaks. She is joined on the raid by the Oaks fourth, Camporese.

THUNDERER
2.20 Step N Go. 2.50 Isle Of Corregidor. 3.20 Invigilate. 3.55 Villeggiatura. 4.25 Somerton Boy. 4.55 Chalk Dust. 5.30 Madame Zando.

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH BEST SIS

2.20 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND SUTTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,977: 5f) (9 runners)

1 556 BARNBURGH BOY 14 T Barron 9-0 ... D McKeown 3
2 32 [illegible] 29 (BF) J Berry 9-0 ... J Carroll 7
3 4 JANIB 59 H Thomson Jones 9-0 ... G Carter 8
4 4 [illegible] 15 M W Easterby 9-0 ... G Parkin (5) 4
5 46 [illegible] Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 ... S D Williams 1
6 55 TOM M BARTON [illegible] ... Dale Gibson 2
7 65P AMY 40 C Smith 8-9 ... C Teague (3) 5
8 SKYERS TRYER R Thompson 8-9 ... R Connorton 9
9 52 STEP N GO 17 Mrs G Reveley 8-9 ... J Fanning 6

3-1 Fostleas, 7-2 Jack Knight, 4-1 Step N Go, 9-2 Janib, 7-1 others.

2.50 COOPERS & LYBRAND CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,055: 6f) (6)

1 1 ISLE OF CORREGIDOR 32 (D,F) Mrs J Cecil 9-3 ... J Carroll 1
2 1 BEE PEE TEE CEE 53 (F) M W Easterby 9-1 ... G Parkin (5) 5
3 1 SILVER LINING 16 (F) A Jones 9-4 ... G Carter 4
4 123 JUST VISITING 14 (G) J Wilson 8-10 ... C Adamson (5) 6
5 3424 SKYERS FLYER 10 (F) R Thompson 8-10 ... N Connorton 3
6 41 TUMBLEWEED PEARL 16 (D,F) B Meehan 8-10 ... M Tebbutt 2

2-1 Isle Of Corregidor, 5-2 Tumbleweed Pearl, 4-1 Skyers Flyer, 6-1 others.

3.20 ROCOM SELLING HANDICAP
(Ladies race: £3,545: 6f) (14)

1 8034 TROPICAL BEACH 22 (B) J Berry 3-11-7 ... Mrs L Pearce 12
2 2325 DOMINELLE 8 (D,F) T Easterby 4-11-7 ... Miss A Deniel (4) 8
3 2013 MY GODSON 18 (B,F,G,S) J Eyre 6-11-5 ... Mrs C Williams (4) 13
4 6506 BROCKHEAD LADY 19 (D,F,G,S) P Evans 5-11-4 ... Mrs C Ford (7) 14
5 0506 INVIGILATE 16 (D,F,G) M Wane 7-11-3 ... Mrs D Kettlewell 10
6 2262 KALAR 18 (B,C,F,G) D Chapman 7-11-2 ... Miss R Clark (4) 9
7 60-6 OLIFANTSFONTEIN 8 (D) D Nicholls 8-10-11 ... Miss Ramsden (4) 7
8 /50 VENUS VICTORIOUS 9 (B) R Bastiman 5-10-8 ... Miss R Bastiman (7) 6
9 5580 BRISAS 10 (C,D,F,G) C Fairhurst 9-10-6 ... Miss S Bosley (4) 3
10 4356 SUMMER VILLA 15 (B,G) J Hetherton 4-10-5 ... Miss J Feilden 5
11 0053 LANGTONIAN 22 (V,D,G) J Eyre 7-10-1 ... Miss Diana Jones 1
12 0080 PRIME PROPERTY 18 (B,D,F) M W Easterby 4-10-0 ... Miss V Marshall (4) 2
13 0033 FIGHTER SQUADRON 12 (B,D,F,G) R Peacock 7-9-12 ... Mrs C Peacock (7) 11
14 0000 JON'S CHOICE 23 (D,G) B Preece 8-9-9 ... Miss L Boswell (7) 4

9-2 Kalar, 5-1 Tropical Beach, 11-2 Dominelle, 6-1 My Godson, 13-2 others

3.55 BARCLAYS BANK HANDICAP
(£5,118: 1m 4f) (6)

1 6-03 HAM N'EGGS 5 (F) M Hammond 5-10-0 ... G Carter 3
2 6323 FAR AHEAD 14 (B,S) J Eyre 4-9-11 ... D Pears (3) 2
3 224 RUSSIAN REQUEST 31 (BF) M Stoute 3-8-13 ... D McKeown 4
4 0552 VILLEGGIATURA 7 (F) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-12 ... J Carroll 6
5 35-0 CHIMANIMANI 15 (CD,F,G) N Tinkler 5-7-10 ... Kim Tinkler 5
6 6300 CHAMPAGNE N DREAMS 15 (F) D Nicholls 4-7-10 ... J Bramhill (7) 1

7-4 Villeggiatura, 11-4 Russian Request, 3-1 Far Ahead, 4-1 Ham N'Eggs, 16-1 Champagne N Dreams, 40-1 Chimanimani

4.25 LORDS TAVERNERS HANDICAP
(£4,988: 1m) (7)

1 5620 MOUNTGATE 35 (F,G) M Bailey 4-9-10 ... D R McCabe 1
2 0163 SOMERTON BOY 19 (D,BF,F,G) P Calver 6-9-9 ... J Carroll 4
3 5-04 AXEMAN 10 (F) D Nicholls 4-9-8 ... M Tebbutt 3
4 5006 UP IN FLAMES 29 (D,F,G) M Hammond 5-9-7 ... G Carter 2
5 1012 PINE RIDGE LAD 10 (D,BF,F,G) J Eyre 6-9-3 ... S D Williams 6
6 4163 ANONYM 8 (D,F,G) D Nicholls 4-8-12 ... Alex Greaves 7
7 3353 BORN A LADY 8 (B,G) S Bowring 3-7-12 ... Dale Gibson 5

9-4 Pine Ridge Lad, 3-1 Somerton Boy, 9-2 Up In Flames, 5-1 Anonym, 6-1 Mountgate, 10-1 Born A Lady, 20-1 Axeman

4.55 TONY WHITING PUBLIC RELATIONS MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,003: 7f) (8)

1 0-4 ANGEL FACE 22 B Preece 8-11 ... V Slattery 8
2 46 BELBAY STAR 14 J Eyre 8-11 ... J Bramhill (7) 1
3 62-5 CHALK DUST 26 P Cole 8-11 ... D R McCabe 4
4 2 CRUZ SANTA 31 T Barron 8-11 ... S D Williams 7
5 0 MASHMOUM 21 J Gosden 8-11 ... J Carroll 5
6 MEZNH H Thomson Jones 8-11 ... G Carter 3
7 -050 PORTUGUESE LIL 56 D Nicholls 8-11 ... Alex Greaves 2
8 5 WITH CARE 13 W Jarvis 8-11 ... M Tebbutt 6

2-1 Chalk Dust, 5-1 Portuguese Lil, 11-2 Cruz Santa, 6-1 With Care, 13-2 Mashmoum, 7-1 Meznh, 8-1 others.

5.30 LORDS TAVERNERS MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£3,745. 6f) (13)

1 6044 BAILEYS FIRST 2 (B) M Johnston 3-9-12 ... J Carroll 3
2 533- LA FINALE 253 D Nicholls 3-9-1 ... Alex Greaves 10
3 2554 MADAM ZANDO 14 J Balding 3-8-6 ... J Edmunds (7) 13
4 -000 JENNY'S CHARMER 5 (B) S Kettlewell 3-8-3 ... D R McCabe 1
5 0450 NUTCRACKER SUITE 14 J Eyre 4-8-1 ... J Bramhill (7) 4
6 4200 GOOD TO TALK 9 T Easterby 3-8-0 ... G Carter 2
7 5000 TAUREAN FIRE 32 Mrs M Reveley 3-7-11 ... N Carlisle 8
8 0002 NEWLANDS CORNER 14 (B) J Akehurst 3-7-11 ... D Biggs 5
9 0000 MILL END LADY 8 (B) M W Easterby 3-7-10 ... Dale Gibson 11
10 0030 SWIFTY NIFTY 3 W Haigh 3-7-10 ... C Teague (3) 9
11 0-00 PUSHKA FAIR 175 T Watson 5-7-10 ... G Adamson (5) 12
12 0-00 DONA FILIPA 14 Miss L Siddall 3-7-10 ... 6
13 0060 DARE BUDGIE 14 (V) E Incisa 3-7-10 ... Kim Tinkler 7

3-1 Newlands Corner, 7-2 Baileys First, 4-1 Madam Zando, 6-1 Nutcracker Suite, 7-1 La Finale, 8-1 Dona Filipa, 14-1 Dare Budgie, 16-1 others

MARKET RASEN

THUNDERER
6.10 Silver Sleeve. 6.40 George Ashford. 7.10 Sassiver. 7.40 Kernof. 8.10 Rhossili Bay. 8.40 Fleet Cadet.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS

6.10 PREMIERE PLACEMENTS AMATEUR RIDERS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,110: 2m 1f 110yd) (8 runners)

1 54-1 SILVER SLEEVE 7 (B,F) M Hammond 4-12-0 ... C Bonner (3)
2 6-03 IRIE MON 14F M Batley 4-11-11 ... A Wintle (7)
3 46-F POPLIN 31 J Wharton 5-11-11 ... R Thornton (7)
4 03P- TONY'S MIST 10F J Bradley 6-11-8 ... M H Oliver (7)
5 F-PP OUIXALL CROSSETT 21 E Caine 11-11-5 ... M H Naughton (5)
6 0/0- NOTED STRAIN 124 D Bassett 8-11-0 ... Miss K Di Marte (7)
7 040/ AVRIL ETOILE 463 C Jones 6-10-12 ... Miss B Small (7)
8 0-PU ARROGANT BOY 21 S Clark 7-10-0 ... N Wilson (5)

6-4 Silver Sleeve, 3-1 Poplin, 9-2 Irie Mon, 5-1 Tony's Mist, 16-1 Avril Etoile, 20-1 Noted Strain, 25-1 others

6.40 UNITED FRIENDLY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,576: 2m 5f 110yd) (11)

1 B/P- FIVE FROM HOME 280 (B) M Pipe 8-11-10 ... C Maude
2 0P-0 GEORGE ASHFORD 21 (V,F) K Morgan 6-11-8 ... A S Smith
3 F4-2 YACHT CLUB 16 (F) J Eyre 14-10-11 ... D Pears
4 600- THARSIS 63 (C,F,G) W Smith 11-10-10 ... S Taylor (5)
5 414/ MISTROY 434 (C,F) Miss M Milligan 6-10-4 ... G Cahill (3)
6 026- LAMBSON 64 (G) J Pearce 9-10-3 ... C Llewellyn
7 0-33 WHISTLING GIPSY 37 (F,G,S) H Oliver 11-10-1 ... Jacqui Oliver
8 3-00 LOFTY DEED 16 (B,S) W Musson 6-10-0 ... L Harvey
9 40-0 JOLI'S GREAT 31 (B,G) M Ryan 8-10-0 ... J Ryan
10 050- RARE PADDY 78 (V) G Rothwell 7-10-0 ... R Supple
11 4PP- CATTON LADY 320 R Craggs 6-10-0 ... G Lee (3)

3-1 Five From Home, 5-1 Yacht Club, Whistling Gipsy, 6-1 George Ashford, 8-1 Tharsis, Lambson, 10-1 Joli's Great, 12-1 others.

7.10 GRAHAME LILES NOVICES CHASE
(£3,793: 2m 4f) (4)

1 0-01 SASSIVER 15 (B,D,F,G) P Kelleway 6-11-6 ... R Johnson
2 46P2 HIZAL 13 (F) H Manners 7-11-0 ... Mr A Charles-Jones
3 0P0- MR ORIENTAL 152 Mrs V Aconley 6-11-0 ... D Byrne
4 6- GHEDI 371 M Muggeridge 5-10-10 ... C Llewellyn

4-9 Sassiver, 7-2 Hizal, 8-1 Mr Oriental, 14-1 Ghedi.

7.40 FASTNET FISH JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,746: 2m 1f 110yd) (8)

1 COWBOY DREAMS 29F (B) M Tompkins 10-12 ... K Gaule (3)
2 KERNOF 29F M Hammond 10-12 ... R Garritty
3 KILLMESSAN-TOWN 325F J Carr 10-12 ... F Leahy (3)
4 LIMYSKI 10F Mrs A Swinbank 10-12 ... J Supple (3)
5 RECALL TO MIND 43F M Sowersby 10-12 ... D Parker (3)
6 ANOTHER QUARTER 7F S Woods 10-7 ... P Hide
7 HOME COOKIN' 10F M Pipe 10-7 ... C Maude
8 NORTHERN FALCON 17F M W Easterby 10-7 ... Mr N Wilson

9-4 Another Quarter, 5-2 Home Cookin', 4-1 Kernof, 5-1 others.

8.10 LILES RACING HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,418: 2m 4f) (6)

1 22-1 RHOSSILI BAY 31 (C,G) Mrs M Reveley 8-12-0 ... P Niven
2 0/1- YAAKUM 14F (CD,F,G) S Kettlewell 7-11-8 ... R Garritty
3 P04/ WAKE UP LUV 796 (D,F,G) K Wingrove 11-11-6 ... J Ryan
4 4-60 DRUMSTICK 31 (C,D,F,G,S) K Bailey 10-11-5 ... J Railton
5 -531 MAGGOTS GREEN 11 (D,F,S) J Bradley 9-10-7 ... R Johnson
6 33-4 CIRCULATION 15 (C,G,S) D McCain 10-10-0 ... B Harding

6-4 Rhossili Bay, 5-2 Maggots Green, 4-1 Yaakum, 5-1 Drumstick, 16-1 others.

8.40 WEIGHTLIFTER MAIDEN HURDLE
(£2,630: 2m 1f 110yd) (14)

1 0- BARGIN INN 152 J L Harris 6-11-2 ... D Gallagher
2 4P8/ COURT JESTER 474 M Ryan 5-11-2 ... J Ryan
3 30-0 FENWICK'S BROTHER 16 (V,F) J Eyre 6-11-2 ... D Pears
4 FIELD OF VISION 8F Mrs A Swinbank 6-11-2 ... J Supple (3)
5 4 FLEET CADET 7 (B) M Pipe 5-11-2 ... C Maude
6 4F-2 SEA GOD 31 M Chapman 5-11-2 ... W Worthington
7 200- SILVERDALE LAD 130 K Hogg 5-11-2 ... S Wynne
8 F WOODBINE 31 R Woodhouse 6-11-2 ... D Byrne
9 OTTAVIO FARNESE 43F A Hide 4-10-13 ... P Hide
10 0-0 OUSEFLEET BOY 50 Miss M Milligan 4-10-13 ... A Thornton
11 FP6- HUTCEL BELL 111P R Woodhouse 5-10-11 ... P Niven
12 SCALLYMILL K Hogg 6-10-11 ... M Foster
13 2 FORGOTTEN EMPRESS 28F S Kettlewell 4-10-8 ... R Johnson
14 LITTLE REDWING 9F M Hammond 4-10-8 ... R Garritty

11-4 Fleet Cadet, 7-2 Forgotten Empress, 4-1 Sea God, 6-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Goodwood: 3.45 Norwegian Blue, Bold Effort. 4.45 Marengo. 5.20 Silently. Hamilton Park: 8.20 Alisadara. Market Rasen: 8.40 George Ashford, Rare Paddy. 7.40 Cowboy Dreams. 8.40 Fenwick's Brother, Fleet Cadet. Newton Abbot: 4.40 Jim Valentine. Thirsk: 3.20 Venus Victorious. 5.30 Baileys First, Jenny's Charmer. Windsor: 6.00 Fastini Gold, Still Here. 7.00 Bold Oriental, Doubly-H. 8.00 Classic Pet.

THUNDERER
2.20 Attribute. 2.50 Never Think Twice. 3.20 Neuwest. 3.50 Apollono. 4.20 Faugeron. 4.50 Paddy's Rice.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM TOTE JACKPOT MEETING
DRAW: 6F-7F 140YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.20 DOM RUINART CHAMPAGNE SUNDAY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,625: 6f) (11 runners)

101 00 ABACAXI 16 R Charlton 9-0 ... W Ryan 3
102 00 BE TRUE 22 A Moore 9-0 ... Candy Morris 8
103 CABCHARGE GEMINI G Margarson 9-0 ... P Bloomfield 6
104 3 EUROLINK SPARTACUS 22 J Dunlop 9-0 ... G Duffield 11
105 GREENWICH FORE T Mills 9-0 ... T Ives 10
106 43 HAWAIT 80 (BF) B Hills 9-0 ... R Hills 5
107 4 HIGHWAY ROBBER 35 J Eustace 9-0 ... J Tate 1
108 ATTRIBUTE R Charlton 8-9 ... T Sprake 9
109 0 BEWITCHING LADY 15 D Arbuthnot 8-9 ... R Price 2
110 CURZON STREET M Stoute 8-9 ... D Harrison 7
111 HEAVENLY RAY J Fanshawe 8-9 ... N Varley (3) 4

2-1 Eurolink Spartacus, 4-1 Hawait, 5-1 Attribute, 7-1 Curzon Street, 10-1 Heavenly Ray, 12-1 Highway Robber, Abacaxi, 14-1 others.

2.50 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,648: 6f) (6)

201 3011 KIND OF LIGHT 6 (D,F,G) R Guest 9-9 (7ex) ... Dane O'Neill (3) 3
202 1-6 SPLINTER 107 (BF,F) R Charlton 9-7 ... T Sprake 2
203 0000 TIMES OF TIMES 13 (D,F,G) M Ryan 8-9 ... M Tebbutt 6
204 0060 SEA DANZIG 27 J Bridger 8-6 ... D Harrison 1
205 3413 NEVER THINK TWICE 3 (B,D,F) K Ivory 8-1 ... Martin Dwyer (5) 5
206 6210 MAY QUEEN MEGAN 13 (CD,F) Mrs A King 7-11 ... N Adams 4

5-4 Kind Of Light, 4-1 Splinter, 6-1 Never Think Twice, 7-1 May Queen Megan, 8-1 Sea Danzig, 10-1 Times Of Times.

3.20 TJH GROUP LINGFIELD SUNDAY HANDICAP
(£5,330: 7f) (9)

301 3024 DOUBLE BLUE 14 (D,F,S) M Johnston 7-10-0 ... M Pollard (7) 1
302 1058 PLEASE SUZANNE 15 (CD,F) R Hannon 3-9-6 ... Dane O'Neill (3) 6
303 2883 SILENT EXPRESSION 9 (CD,F,G) B Meehan 6-8-12 ... M Tebbutt 8
304 3210 NEUWEST 24 (CD,F) N Walker 4-8-8 ... J Stack 3
305 4156 ASHJAR 22 (CD,F,G) H Thomson Jones 3-8-7 ... R Hills 7
306 1000 SCHARNHORST 2 (D,F,G,S) S Dow 4-8-6 ... R Havlin (5) 5
307 0000 DARYABAD 35 (D,G) T Naughton 4-8-5 ... T Sprake 9
308 5022 VICTORY TEAM 25 (C,G) G Balding 4-7-11 ... N Varley (3) 2
309 1344 JERRY CUTRONA 9 (D,F) N Callaghan 3-7-10 ... G Bardwell 4

7-2 Jerry Cutrona, 4-1 Double Blue, Neuwest, 6-1 Please Suzanne, 10-1 others.

3.50 SUNDAY EXPRESS BEST FOR SPORT HANDICAP (£3,501: 1m 2f) (7)

401 0025 APOLLONO 16 (F) J Fanshawe 4-9-10 ... R Hills 6
402 0305 VOLA VIA 15 (F) I Balding 3-9-6 ... Martin Dwyer (5) 4
403 -523 CERDAN 14 M Stoute 3-9-6 ... T Sprake 2
404 2615 ANOTHER TIME 26 (D,BF,F,G) S Woods 4-9-5 ... D Biggs 3
405 110- NORTH REEF 376 (CD,G,S) M Prescott 5-9-5 ... G Duffield 5
406 1050 RIVAL BID 23 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs N Macauley 8-9-3 ... C Teague (3) 7
407 3021 SOVIET BRIDE 4 (D,F,G) S Dow 4-9-1 ... R Havlin (5) 1

9-4 Soviet Bride, 11-4 Cerdan, 11-2 Apollono, 13-2 North Reef, 10-1 others.

4.20 DISPLAYCRAFT SELLING STAKES
(£2,588: 1m 6f) (6)

501 5001 FAUGERON 24 (CD,F,G,S) N Tinkler 7-9-12 ... G Duffield 3
502 6255 BRESIL 15 (F) K Burke 7-9-7 ... D Harrison 2
503 2234 DURHAM 4 (B,D,F) R Simpson 5-9-7 ... A Clark 6
504 0-0 LOST REALM 17 M Meade 4-9-7 ... R Havlin (5) 4
505 0 CHANT D'ALOUETTE 27 R Hodges 3-8-3 ... N Varley (3) 5
506 0 PSP LADY 17 A Jones 3-8-3 ... T Sprake 1

4-5 Faugeron, 9-4 Durham, 10-1 Bresil, 12-1 Lost Realm, 16-1 Chant D'Alouette, 33-1 Psp Lady

4.50 TAUBER APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,707: 7f 140yd) (16)

601 0114 HELIOS 46 (CD,BF,F,S) N Walker 8-10-0 ... G Faulkner (3) 3
602 3343 BROUGHTONS TURMOIL 4 (C,D,F) W Musson 7-9-13 ... P McCabe 1
603 6165 BENTICO 18 (D,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-9-10 ... C Teague (3) 5
604 0542 FLAG FEN 9 (G,S) M Meade 5-9-9 ... Claire Angell (10) 6
605 0053 PADDY'S RICE 15 (C,D,F) M McCormack 5-9-6 ... Dane O'Neill 11
606 2040 SCATHEBURY 20 (G) K Burke 5-9-0 ... D Sweeney (3) 2
607 4640 OUR SHADEE 4 (V,CD,F,G,S) K Ivory 6-8-13 ... C Scally (6) 10
608 0-40 SWEET ALLEGIANCE 78 J Poulton 6-8-10 ... T Field (5) 12
609 4643 IRREPRESSIBLE 10 (F) R Hodges 5-8-9 ... Amanda Sanders (3) 8
610 350- ROCKUSA 250J P Hedger 4-8-8 ... M Henry 15
611 0005 JUSTINIANUS 4 (D,G,S) J Bridger 4-8-4 ... R Brisland (5) 13
612 5565 HADADABBLE 18 Pat Mitchell 3-7-13 ... N Varley 4
613 0-06 BAGBY BOY 22 P Hedger 4-7-13 ... P Doe (5) 16
614 0006 SOBELOVED 18 N Berry 4-7-10 ... G Adamson (3) 9
615 00-0 SIR OLIVER 43 (G) B Pearce 7-7-10 ... M Baird 7
616 0050 OLD GOLD N TAN 50 (B) J Poulton 3-7-10 ... Martin Dwyer 14

9-2 Broughtons Turmoil, 5-1 Helios, 6-1 Flag Fen, Paddy's Rice, 8-1 others.

THUNDERER
2.10 Rivonia. 2.40 Tessajoe. 3.10 Shoumatara. 3.40 Jobie. 4.10 Maple Bay. 4.40 Hazard A Guess.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 6F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 RACING NORTH NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,534: 6f) (7 runners)

1 5113 DOCKLANDS CARRIAGE 15 (V,D,F) N Tinkler 9-7 ... Kim Tinkler 5
2 3040 MILL END BOY 10 M W Easterby 9-5 ... G Parkin (5) 3
3 2143 NOSTALGIC AIR 9 (D,F) E Weymes 9-5 ... J Quinn 7
4 435 RIVONIA 9 Mrs J Ramsden 9-2 ... J Fortune 6
5 502 MAZIL 15 (B) T Easterby 8-13 ... M Birch 2
6 020 GOING FOR BROKE 34 P Haslam 8-9 ... D McKeown 4
7 6341 PERFECT BLISS 8 (CD,F) P Evans 8-2 ... Dale Gibson 1

3-1 Mazil, 7-2 Docklands Carriage, 9-2 Rivonia, 5-1 Nostalgic Air, 6-1 Perfect Bliss, 7-1 Going For Broke, 10-1 Mill End Boy

2.40 CALDER PRINT LIMITED STAKES
(£2,892: 1m 4f 93yd) (4)

1 6144 TESSAJOE 58 (D,F,G) M Camacho 4-9-8 ... L Charnock 2
2 0315 ROSSEL 14 (D,G) P Monteith 3-8-11 ... N Carlisle 1
3 5160 EXACTLY 27 (D,G) J Eyre 3-8-8 ... T Williams 3
4 -323 CELIDH STAR 52 (BF) B Hills 3-8-6 ... J Carroll 4

4-5 Tessajoe, 3-1 Celidh Star, 4-1 Exactly, 5-1 Rossel.

3.10 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,453: 7f) (6)

1 63 DAWAM ALLAIL 17 M Jarvis 9-0 ... P Robinson 1
2 05 MULTITONE 30 J Eustace 9-0 ... J Carroll 4
3 29 NIGHT FLIGHT 15 (BF) J J O'Neill 9-0 ... J Fortune 6
4 52 SHOUMATARA 11 M Stoute 9-0 ... M Birch 2
5 0 WILDMOOR 16 J Bethell 9-0 ... S Drowne 3
6 DOUBLE FLIGHT M Johnston 8-9 ... T Williams 5

6-4 Shoumatara, 5-2 Dawam Allail, 9-2 Double Flight, 7-1 Night Flight, 8-1 Multitone, 14-1 Wildmoor

3.40 ST OSWALDS HOSPICE SELLING STAKES
(£2,253: 6f) (9)

1 0011 BLUE BOMBER 11 (D,F,G,S) G Moore 5-9-9 ... J Fortune 9
2 2650 SENSE OF PRIORITY 2 (D,F,G) D Nicholls 7-9-9 ... Alex Greaves 2
3 0104 CRAIGNAIRN 16 (B,D,F) J Berry 3-9-5 ... J Carroll 5
4 -300 JOBIE 11 (D,G) B Hills 6-9-4 ... J Quinn 8
5 0403 PALLIUM 14 (F,G) Mrs A Naughton 8-9-4 ... A Culhane 3
6 0062 ULTRA BEET 23 (V,D,F,G) P Haslam 4-9-4 ... P Robinson 7
7 -000 WAVERLEY STAR 14 (D,F,G,S) J Wainwright 11-9-4 ... B McKeown 1
8 3300 DOUBLE OSCAR 15 (B,D,F) M Johnston 3-9-0 ... T Williams 4
9 3066 HOH MAJESTIC 44 (V,C,F,G) M Wane 3-9-0 ... L Charnock 6

9-4 Blue Bomber, 4-1 Jobie, 9-2 Double Oscar, 5-1 Sense Of Priority, 7-1 Craignairn, 10-1 Ultra Beet, Hoh Majestic

4.10 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (£7,198: 1m) (10)

1 5263 KNOTTY HILL 6 R Craggs 4-9-10 ... D McKeown 6
2 1434 MAPLE BAY 8 (CD,G) A Bailey 7-9-6 ... P Robinson 4
3 4213 SCARABEN 8 (CD,BF,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 8-9-6 ... O Urbina 3
4 1211 HAWKSLEY HILL 15 (D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-2 ... J Fortune 7
5 0050 PRIDE OF PENDLE 3 (CD,F,G,S) D Nicholls 7-9-0 ... Alex Greaves 5
6 1532 WINSTON 24 (CD,F,G) J Bethell 3-9-0 ... S Drowne 10
7 2220 PERSIAN FAYRE 59 (D,F) J Berry 4-8-13 ... J Carroll 2
8 0004 THREE ARCH BRIDGE 5 (B,D,F,S) M Johnston 4-8-13 ... T Williams 8
9 3230 SECOND COLOURS 16 (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-12 ... A Culhane 9
10 5015 IMPULSIVE AIR 23 (F,G) E Weymes 4-8-7 ... J Quinn 1

9-4 Hawksley Hill, 5-1 Scaraben, Pride Of Pendle, 7-1 Maple Bay, 10-1 others.

4.40 NORTHERN ELECTRIC TELECOM HANDICAP (£3,696: 1m 2f 32yd) (7)

1 2605 HAZARD A GUESS 22 (B,F,G,S) D Nicholls 6-9-13 ... Alex Greaves 1
2 -350 LADYKIRK 31 (G) J Wade 3-8-7 ... J Carroll 7
3 4311 BULSARA 8 (CD,F) C Fairhurst 4-8-7 ... D McKeown 3
4 5404 REINHARDT 9 J Wainwright 3-8-3 ... J Bramhill (7) 6
5 0263 NEW ALBION 8 (D,F) Miss Z Green 5-8-3 ... J Fanning 2
6 4-00 MAURANGI 17 (F,S) B Murray 5-7-10 ... L Charnock 5
7 0111 TROUBADOUR SONG 13 (G) W Haigh 4-7-10 ... J Quinn 4

4-5 Bulsara, 5-1 Hazard A Guess, 6-1 Troubadour Song, 8-1 Ladykirk, 12-1 New Albion, Maurangi, 16-1 Reinhardt.

☐ Andy Turnell, the National Hunt trainer, has announced that Norman Williamson will be riding for him when available during the 1996-7 season.

MOTOR RALLYING: BRITISH CHAMPION MAKES EARLY EXIT ON LONG-AWAITED RETURN FROM EXILE

McRae plots course of long road back

By Oliver Holt

AT THE end of last season, they put the laurels around the neck of Alister McRae and showed him the promised lands. Sweden, Malaysia, Argentina, and the rest of the countries hosting the world rally championship events were spread out before him like staging posts in a new adventure. The backwaters of Co Down and the woods of Armagh on a cloudy weekend in August were not on the agenda.

McRae had just won the Mobil 1/Top Gear British Rally Championship for the first time, after all. His elder brother, Colin, became Britain's first world rally champion soon afterwards. The experts said Alister could be even quicker than his sibling, the senior partner in a Scottish rallying dynasty. Everyone thought that the leading manufacturers would be queueing up to sign him.

He set his sights on a drive with Ford and, at one stage, they told him to have his helmet and overalls ready. But when they signed Carlos Sainz, his brother's arch-rival, there were rumours that the Spaniard would not countenance driving alongside another McRae. By the time he was told the bad news in March, it was too late. There were no vacancies, not in the world championship, not even in the British championship.

He has done other things, of course, between then and now. He has visited some of those promised lands, making preparatory notes for his brother, and he won the first two rounds of this year's British championship in Wales and England, albeit in cars ineligible to score points, designed only to show that he could handle the equipment he should have been driving on the world stage.

In the first day of the Stena Line Ulster Rally yesterday, the pervading feeling that British rally fans have been robbed of the chance to see one of the country's leading talents this season continued when McRae was forced to retire just 4½ miles into the second stage, near Newry. Gearbox problems crippled the Volkswagen Golf he had been given to drive in this event and it is now unlikely that he will take any further part in this year's championship. It seems like a criminal waste of talent.

"It has been a frustrating year for me," McRae, 25, said yesterday. "I am the British champion, my brother is the world champion and I still did not manage to get into either championship. I have got the name but I have also proven beyond doubt that I'm quick. It has just been a case of trying to gain experience by doing odd events and helping Colin with his gravel notes.

"The main aim for me now is to have another try at getting into the world championship next season, but I am not going to put all my eggs into one basket. A drive in the British championship with some world championship experience thrown in would be ideal, but I know now that it is not an ideal world. It has not been a totally wasted year because I have had some experience in the type of four-wheel drive cars I would use in the world championship.

"In some ways, though, I was on a hiding to nothing in those events because everyone was expecting us to win anyway. This weekend, I had hoped to be asked to push the car a little bit further. I tried it out on the Donegal Rally recently and we only managed three stages. This time it was two, we seem to be going backwards. There is nothing more I can say."

Despite this latest setback, McRae's father, Jimmy, a five-times winner of the British rally championship, is stoical about Alister's reversal of fortunes this season, ready to put it down to rallying politics. But he is adamant that he can emulate Colin's achievements.

"Alister is not the type to lose his motivation," his father said. "He has kept his hand in with some testing and some events and, given the opportunity, he can be every bit as good as Colin. Colin has got a lot of natural talent and he goes at it in a strong fashion from the start. Alister is a bit more like I used to be.

"He is more of a worker and a thinker. He thinks his way through rallies. Everything he has done, whether it is on motocross bikes or in cars, he has ended up as good as Colin. In my mind, if he has the chance, he will be right up there with him again soon."

STEVE ETHERINGTON/EMPICS

McRae negotiates a corner in the Ulster Rally before gearbox problems forced his withdrawal on the second stage

RUGBY LEAGUE: EDWARDS PONDERS COACHING MOVE AS ELLIOTT STEPS UP FROM UNDERSTUDY AT BRADFORD

Broncos' new signing poised to buck traditions of past

By Christopher Irvine

AS LONDON Broncos finally paraded Martin Offiah yesterday, it emerged that Shaun Edwards, his former team-mate at Wigan and the Great Britain captain, has held preliminary discussions with Keighley Cougars about a player-coaching position.

The first division side approached Edwards, 29, as a replacement for Phil Larder, the Great Britain coach, who left last month. Allan Clarkson, a Keighley director, described him as a first choice. Edwards, who is known to have coaching ambitions at Wigan, said: "I've heard they're interested and that's all I can say at this stage."

The consensus is that Edwards will remain at Central Park. He missed Wigan's last two games amid reports that he is unhappy. Jack Robinson, the Wigan chairman, said: "Shaun is still a contracted player with us until the end of 1997 and we expect him to honour that."

Details of the Bedford rugby union half of Offiah's joint-ownership with the Broncos and, more particularly, how he will divide his time, will be announced next week. His London debut, against Warrington, could see their first 10,000-plus crowd at The Valley, Charlton, tomorrow.

After a week of delay caused by Bedford's difficulties with Offiah's loyalty contract to the Super League, Barry Maranta, the Broncos' chairman, was delighted to welcome his man. "Martin had to go north to play professionally but this shows youngsters can now stay in the capital," he said. "He is quite an icon to rugby league and professional sport in this country."

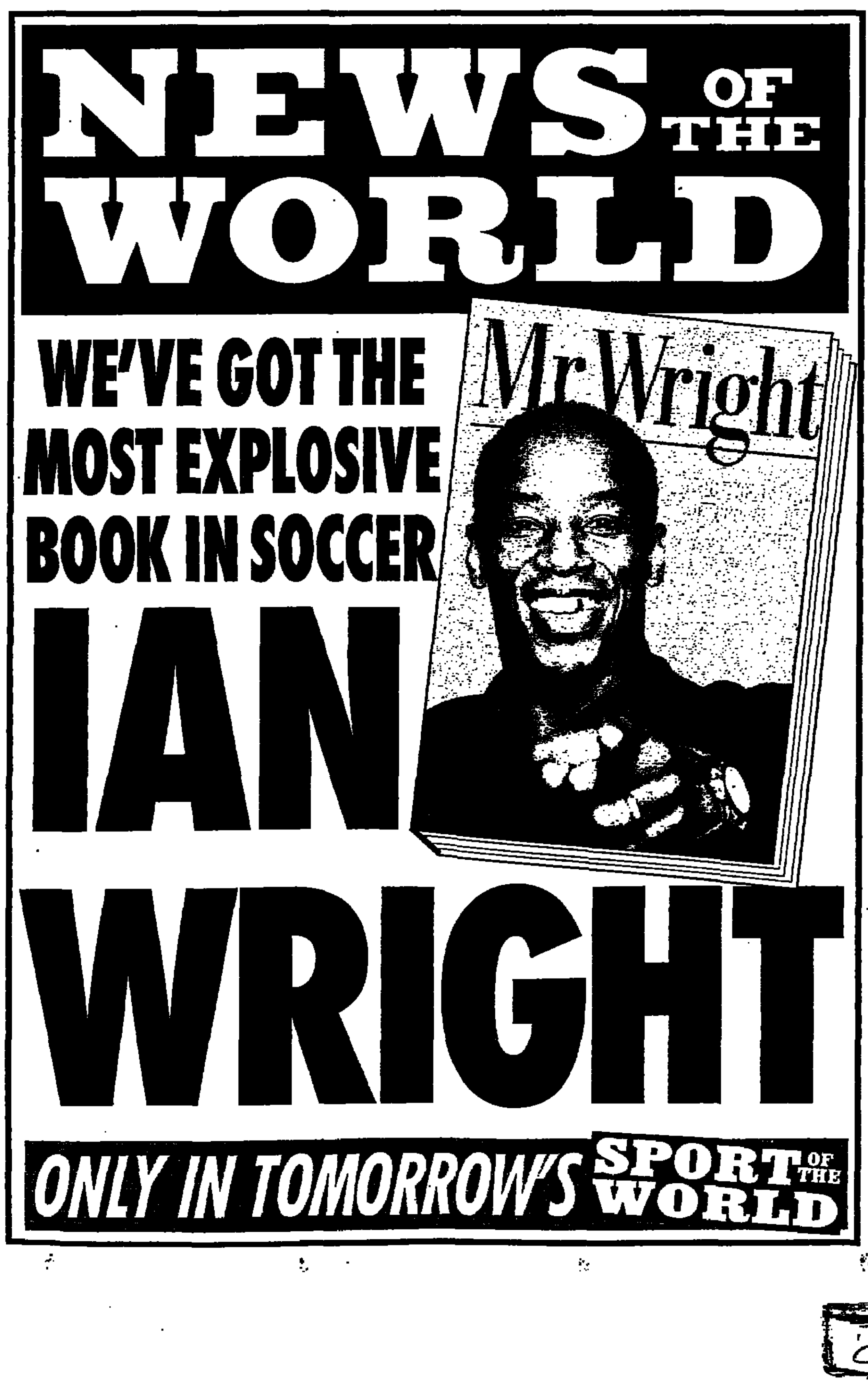
Offiah, 29, who has aspirations to play both codes at international level, said: "I'm just happy to be here and I'm looking forward to this challenge. The fact that I'm from London was a big factor."

Maranta said that the combined deal had involved much compromise. A possible hitch to Offiah's earmarked home debut for Bedford, against Nottingham, on September 7, would be if the Broncos made the Super League play-offs final at Old Trafford the next day.

Bradford Bulls also showed off Matthew Elliott, the youngest Super League coach at 31, and former assistant at Odsal to Brian Smith, who is leaving at the end of the season for Parramatta. Continuity is behind the two-year appointment. Bradford rejected several high-profile candidates in favour of the young Australian.

"Under Brian, I've been able to develop my own skills, as well as get an insight into a very special coaching philosophy," Elliott said. "We don't want to be labelled a flash-in-the-pan side, and there's a risk of that happening if we don't continue to build on the success here."

Elliott played for the Australian clubs St George and Eastern Suburbs before retiring with a knee injury. He confirmed that he would like Brian Noble to step up from part-time coach to join the full-time staff.



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BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit 13 California 5, Minnesota 2 Baltimore 4, Milwaukee 2 Seattle 9, Oakland 3 Chicago 8, Cleveland 3 Toronto 5, Kansas City 9 Boston 4, Texas 5 New York 6

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York 9 Pittsburgh 13; Chicago 4 Colorado 1; Philadelphia 2 St Louis 1 (1st game), St Louis 7 Philadelphia 1 (2nd game); San Diego 2 Atlanta 3; Montreal 7 Cincinnati 9; Los Angeles 6 Florida 7 (14 innings)

CRICKET

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): **Edgbaston:** Warwickshire 280-6 (W G Khan 90, M Burns 77, M J Powell 57); Middlesex 284-6 (K P Dutch 82 not out, A J Strauss 64). Middlesex won by four wickets. **Chelmsford:** Sussex 298-7 (T Radford 100, R Rao 89, N Derbyshire 4-79). Essex 299-4 (A Hibbert 172 not out). Essex won by six wickets. **Bristol:** Gloucestershire 247-9 (C G Taylor 51). Worcestershire 250-1 (M J Church 113 not out, D A Leatherdale 103 not out). Worcestershire won by nine wickets.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Lakenham: Norfolk 176 (D F Ralfs 4-41) and 5-0. Cambridgeshire 179-3 (S Mohammed 57)

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Inter-county competition: **Under-14:** Staffordshire 240-6, Herefordshire 184-5. Match drawn. Devon 156-9, Warwickshire 160-6. Warwickshire won by four wickets. **Under-16:** Warwickshire 259-1, Worcestershire 191-8. Warwickshire won by 68 runs

DARTS

WORLD MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS: Quarter-finals (GB unless stated): P Evison bt S Downs (US) 11-3, J Harvey bt D Smith 11-5; D Priestley bt R Harrington 15-13, B Anderson bt A Warriner 11-6

FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Consett 1 Carlisle United 4; Bray Wanderers 0 St Johnstone 3, Woking 4 Cardiff City 5, Chelmsford City 1 Southend United 4, St Albans City 1 Chelsea XI 2, Northwich Victoria 4 Manchester United XI 1, Hornchurch 1 Cambridge United 1, Bishop's Stortford 2 Norwich City XI 4, Glenavon 0 Notts County 3, Hull City 0 Nottingham Forest 4

BELGIAN LEAGUE: FC Bruges 1 RC Harelbeke 0

GOLF

FORSGÅRDENS GC, Kungsbacka, Sweden: Volvo Scandinavian Masters: Second-round qualifiers (GB and Ire unless stated): **135:** T Bjorn (Den) 67, 68. **138:** S Luna (Sp) 67, 71. **139:** R Claydon 68, 71. **140:** S Grappasonni (It) 70, 70, J van de Velde (Fr) 72, 68, M Martin (Sp) 68, 72. **141:** J Bickerton 68, 73, F Roca (Sp) 70, 71. **142:** *J Daly (US) 71, 71, M Hallberg (Swe) 70, 72;* P Broadhurst 72, 70; I Garrido (Sp) 72, 70. **143:** P-U Johansson (Swe) 70, 73, P Eales 70, 73, J Payne 70, 73, F Howley 70, 73. **144:** I Pyman 71, 73; L Westwood 69, 75, P Fulke (Swe) 71, 73; M Roe 71, 73, J Lomas 71, 73; C Suneson (Sp) 72, 72, G Clark 73, 71. **145:** R Wessels (SA) 73, 72; G Emerson 70, 75; R Muntz (Holl) 77, 68, M Litton 70, 75; J Pinero (Sp) 71, 74, B May (US) 73, 72, M Mouland 70, 75, R Willison 73, 72, P Linhart (Sp) 72, 73, C Montgomerie 69, 76. **146:** P Moloney (Aus) 74, 72, S Tinning *(Den) 70, 76, R Boxall 72, 74; P Walton 77,* 69, *V Gustavsson (Swe) 72, 74; D Robertson 73, 73; M Gates 69, 77; J Parnevik (Swe) 72, 74, P Baker 70, 76; P Way 68, 78, P Haugsrud (Nor) 75, 71; S Struver (Ger) 71, 75; A Mednick (Swe) 75, 71, P Harrington 69, 77. **147:** R Russell 75, 72, P Karlsson (Swe) 75, 72; R Chapman 71, 76; M McLean 73, 74; G Ralph 75, 72; M Anglert (Swe) 73, 74; A Hunter 71, 76, A Forsbrand (Swe) 74, 73; Lien-Wei Zhang (China) 70, 77, S Cage 71, 76, M Gronberg (Swe) 72, 75, R Rafferty 73, 74, P Hedblom (Swe) 75, 72; J Rivero (Sp) 71, 76. **148:** J Nilsson (Swe) 72, 76; M Clayton (Aus) 76, 72, W Riley (Aus) 77, 71, S Bottomley 74, 74, *C Hanell (Swe) 72, 76, D A Russell 73, 75; P Nyman (Swe) 70, 78, S McAllister 74, 74; D Cooper 73, 75; I Woosnam 69, 79; C Mason 73, 75; B Lane 72, 76; G Evans 72, 76; S Richardson 72, 76; G Hjertstedt (Swe) 70, 78, M Jonzon (Swe) 76, 72; E Giraud (Fr) 72, 76, D Feherty 75, 73, *M Erlandsson (Swe) 73, 75; B Langer (Ger) 74, 74; P O'Malley (Aus) 71, 77, B Marchbank 71, 77, O Nordberg (Swe) 75, 73

* denotes amateur

HOLLINWELL, Nottinghamshire: **English amateur championship: Fourth round:** P Snowden (Sand Moor) bt C Stewart (Walton Heath) 2 and 1, D Lucas (Worksop) bt I Ferne (Alnmouth) 3 and 2, D Mansell (Silkstone) bt D Stokes (Huddersfield) 4 and 3, C Richardson (Burghley Park) bt G Wolstenholme (Bristol and Clifton) 3 and 2; L Walcham (South Beds) bt G Evans (North Middlesex) 4 and 3, J Pounder (Yeovil) bt D Griggs (Royal Worlington) 2 and 1, J O'Shea (Ealing) bt K Wallbank (Fairhaven) 3 *and 2; R Fulford (The County Club, Johannesburg)* bt M Reynard (Moseley) at 22nd, L Donald (Beaconsfield) bt M Keeling (Burslem) at 21st, J Little (Moor Park) bt A Lawrence (Wheatley) 1 hole, S Webster (Ilfield) bt C Banks (Stanton-on-the-Wolds) 2 holes, C Duke (Porters Park) bt M Allen (Novil) 3 and 2, J Rose (North Hants) bt R Wiggins (Ponteland) 2 and 1, M Pile (Woburn) bt B Mason (Sand Moor) 5 and 4, M Cryer (Coventry) bt A Patterson (Copthorne) 2 holes, C Richardson (Burghley Park) bt R Challaway (Withington Heath) 3 and 2. **Fifth round:** Lucas bt Mansell 5 and 3, I Richardson bt Walchman 3 and 2, Little bt O'Shea 5 and 4, Fulford bt Snowdon 3 and 2, Pounder bt Donald 2 and 1, Webster bt Duke 4 and 2; Rose bt Pile 4 and 3, C Richardson bt Cryer 3 and 2. **Quarter-finals:** Lucas bt Fulford 5 and 4, I Richardson bt Pounder 3 and 2, Webster bt Little 2 holes, C Richardson bt Rose at the 22nd. **Semi-finals:** Lucas bt I Richardson 4 and 3, Webster bt C Richardson 3 and 2

DUNBAR: I and B Scottish amateur championship: Fourth round: P Arthur (Townhouse) bt L McLaughlin (Cowglen) 3 and 2, A Cooper (Cowmouth Castle) lost to C Kelly (St Andrew's New) 2 and 1, B Smith (Hamilton) bt B Howard (Cochrane Castle) at the 23rd, D Robertson (Dunbar) bt A Nichol (Berwick) 4 and 3, M Brookes (Carluke) bt S Gray (Hayston) 4 and 3, A Forsyth (Ralston) bt R Bain (UAE) 1 hole, D Brown (Carluke) lost to S Twynholm (Westerhope) 5 and 4, C Gordon (Ratho Park) lost to G Fox (West Kilbride) 4 and 3, R Beames (Wick) bt D Hamilton (Aus) 1 hole, M Urquhart (Inverness) lost to C Elliot at the 20th, C Watson (East Renfrewshire) bt I Ford (Kelso) 2 and 1; D Orr (East Renfrewshire) bt R Lynch (Holland Bush) 2 and 1, K Millar (Duddingston) lost to A Turnbull (Innerleithen) 1 hole, D Patrick (Moreton Hall) lost to G Lawrie (Prestwick St Nicholas) 1 hole, D Brock (Tantallon) bt C Townsend (Torwoodlee) 2 and 1; R Thornton (Cardross) lost to J J Smith (Strathclyde Park) at the 20th. **Fifth round:** Kelly bt Arthur 2 and 1; B Smith bt *Robertson 4 and 2, Brookes bt Forsyth 7* and 6, Fox bt Twynholm 5 and 4, Beames bt Elliot 5 and 3, Watson bt Orr 1 hole, *Turnbull bt Lawrie 4 and 3, J Smith bt Brock* 1 hole. **Quarter-finals:** B Smith bt Kelly 3 and 2; Brookes bt Fox 2 and 1, Watson bt Beames 3 and 1, Turnbull bt Smith 2 and 1

ASHBURNHAM: Welsh amateur championship: First round: Y Taylor (Brynhill) bt K Sullivan (Brynhill) 1 hole, J R Donaldson (Macclesfield) bt M Stimson (Ashburnham) 4 and 3, A Hartley (Llanwern) bt C Platt (Wrexham) 1 hole; R L Evans (Ashburnham) *bt P J Hunt (Haverford West) 7 and 5; C* Roberts (Cradoc) bt L Harpin (North Wales) 2 holes, M Peet (Pyle and Kenfig) bt D N Harris (Shrewsbury) 2 and 1, S Smith (Forestmills) bt C Williams (Creigiau) 4 and 3, M Calvert (Copthorne) bt G Reynolds (Whitchurch) 4 and 3, N B Edwards (Whitchurch) bt M Parry (Newport) 3 and 2, D H Park (Burghill Valley) bt A A Delves (Padeswood and Buckley) 3 and 2, R W Price (Monmouthshire) bt A Cooper (Neath) 2 and 1, O J Pughe (Oswestry) bt M J Pilkington (Nefyn and District) 3 and 2, S Gorrish (Brecon) *bt S Raybould (Pontypridd)* 3 and 2; S Purdie (Wrexham) bt S P Jones (Cardiff) 3 and 2, A Campbell (Caerleon) bt M J Ellis (Wrexham) at 19th, S M Roberts (Bargoed) bt C M Rees (Ashburnham) 4 and 3. **Second round:** Taylor bt Donaldson 3 and 1, Evans bt Hartley 4 and 3, Peet bt C Roberts 1 hole, Calvert bt Smith 3 and 2, Park bt Edwards 1 hole; Price bt Pughe 2 and 1, Purdie bt Gorrish 1 hole; Campbell bt S Roberts 6 and 4. **Quarter-finals:** Taylor bt Evans at 19th; Peet bt Calvert 5 and 4, Park bt Price 3 and 2; *Purdie bt Campbell 4 and 3.* **Semi-finals:** Taylor bt Peet 1 hole, Park bt Purdie 4 and 3

EDMONTON, Canada: Du Maurier Classic: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): **65:** K Webb (Aus). **68:** B Mucha, N Lopez. **69:** C Schreyer, M McNamara, D Dormann, P Hurst, L Neumann (Swe), K Marshall (GB). **70:** K Weiss, L Kane, C Figg-Currier, R Jones, P Bradley, N Bowen, A Fruhwirth, W Doolan (Aus), M Figueras-Dotti (Sp). **71:** M Redman, P Wright (GB), J Geddes, S Palmer, T Kerdyk, E Klein, C Pierce (GB), V Skinner, C Nilsmark (Swe), A Ritzman, L Brower, N Harvey (Can), J *Crafter (Aus), L Davies (GB), A Sorenstam* (Swe), C Matthew (GB)

FIXBY, Huddersfield: Lawrence Batley Seniors: Leading second-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated): **140:** T Horton 71, 69. **141:** T Britz (SA) 70, 71, C Evans (US) 75, 66. **142:** A Croce (It) 73, 69, B Carter 76, 66. **143:** D Simon (US) 74, 69; R Bernardini (It) 73, 70; N Coles 73, 70, T Gale (Aus) 76, 67, P Leonard 72, 71. **144:** D Creamer 73, 71; M Bembridge 71, 73; M Gregson 69, 75, T Grubb 71, 73, A Garrido (Sp) 72, 72; M Ingham 70, 74. **145:** R Campagnoli (It) 73, 72, J Morgan 72, 73. **146:** D Dalziel (US) 72, 74; N Ratcliffe (Aus) 73, 73; H Flatman 71, 75

EAST SUSSEX NATIONAL: English Challenge Tour Championship: Leading first-round scores (GB unless stated): **67:** I Feliu (Sp). **68:** M Florioli (It). **69:** G Owen, K Dickens. **70:** A Wall, S Scahill (NZ), S Hurd, M Miller, G Brand, P Page, B Tellena (France), F Andersson (Sweden)

MICHIGAN: Buick Open: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): **64:** R Fehr. **65:** J Leonard, J Carter. **66:** T Tolles, E Els (SA), J Sluman, J Sindelar. **67:** J Haas, J Williamson, G Rusnak. **68:** W Levi, R Tway, J Morse, P Blackmar, M O'Meara, F Funk, A Bean, S Rintoul (Aus), H Sasaki (Japan), B Bryant, A Morse

MOTORCYCLING

ZELTWEG, Austria: 500cc Austrian Grand Prix: Practice times: 1, M Doohan (Aus, Honda) 1min 29.430sec. 2, A Criville (Sp, Honda) 1 30.126. 3, L Cadalora (It, Honda) 1 30.157. 4, T Okada (Japan, Honda) 1 30.446. 5, A Puig (Sp, Honda) 1 30.491. 6, N Abe (Japan, Yamaha) 1 30.621. 7, S Russell (US, Suzuki) 1 30.722. 8, A Barros (Br, Honda) 1 31.005. 9, C Checa (Sp, Honda) 1 31.176. 10, K Roberts Jr (US, Yamaha) 1 31.282

RUGBY LEAGUE

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERSHIP: Sydney City 20 Parramatta 30

SAILING

BRIXHAM YC: Typhoon Laser 2 National Championships: Final overall: 1, S Craig and B O'Donaghue (Royal St George) 25¾pts. 2, J and S Cuthbert (Broxbourne) 30. 3, G Bristow and B Mobbs (OUYC) 36¾. 4, I McLucke and S Course (Western) 38¾. *5, N Masding and A Campion (OCSS) 32¾*

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Middlesbrough 55 London 40, Ipswich 58 Long Eaton 38, Sheffield 56 Exeter 40

TENNIS

LOS ANGELES: Men's tournament: Second round: A O'Brien (US) bt T Enqvist *(Swe) 6-4, 4-6, 7-5, S Stolle (Aus) bt J* Siemerink (Holl) 6-3, 6-7, 6-2, S Edberg (Swe) bt J Stark (US) 6-2, 7-6, S Draper (Aus) bt M Joyce (US) 6-4, 1-6, 6-0

AMSTERDAM: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: D van Scheppingen (Holl) bt C Moya (Sp) 7-6, 6-2, A Voinea (Rom) bt S Dosedel (Cz) 7-6, 7-5; F Clavet (Sp) bt F Mantilla (Sp) 6-4, 6-3, Y el Aynaoui (Mor) bt H Gumy (Arg) 6-4, 6-3

ILKLEY: Allied Textiles Satellite tournament (GB unless stated). **Men: Second round:** A Hunt (NZ) bt S Pender 7-5, 6-2; A *Foster bt S Sacca (Aus) 6-2, 7-6, M Hill (US)* bt P Hand 6-7, 4-6, 6-1; N Weal bt M Lee 4-6, 7-6, 6-1, C Singer (US) bt T Spinks 7-5, 6-3; J Delgado bt J Fox 6-3, 6-4, B Cowan (GB) bt J Davison (GB) 2-6, 7-6, 6-4, J Alven (Swe) bt L Vacloo (SA) 3-6, 6-3, 6-1. **Quarter-finals:** Hunt bt Cowan 6-1, 6-4, J Hill (Aus) bt Foster 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, Wheal bt Alven 6-4, 6-1, Singer bt Delgado 3-6, 6-1, 7-6. **Semi-finals:** Hunt bt Hill 6-4, 6-2, Weal bt Singer 7-5, 6-3. **Women: Second round:** S de Beer (SA) bt A Janon 7-6, 6-3, L Ahl bt T Samara (US) 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, A Bregel (Ger) *bt M Marina (Russ) 6-3, 6-0;* S-A Siddall bt M Malhotra (India) 6-2, 6-1. **Quarter-finals:** de Beer bt H Crook 7-6, 6-0; K Roubanova bt Ahl 6-3, 6-3, C Watson (Aus) bt L Woodroffe 2-6, 6-1, 7-5; Siddall bt Bregel 6-4, 6-4. **Semi-finals:** de Beer bt Roubanova 6-3, 6-4, Watson bt Siddall 2-6, 6-2, 6-4

IN BRIEF

Nations to discuss England's peace plan

TOM KIERNAN, the chairman of the five nations' committee, has called a meeting of Ireland, Scotland, Wales and France to debate England's future in the five nations' rugby union championship on Monday night. England yesterday submitted to the other four nations fresh proposals designed to end the dispute over television rights that has resulted in their expulsion from the five nations' championship.

"The non-English nations will meet to consider England's document," Kiernan said. "We will then contact the Rugby Football Union with our reactions."

Final prospect

Cricket: The 30th *Cricketer* Cup final, to be played at Roehampton tomorrow will pit Bradfield Waifs against Uppingham Rovers. Bradfield include two Hampshire players of the recent past in Nicholas, their captain, and Cox.

Fittipaldi fear

Motor racing: Emerson Fittipaldi, recovering from a serious neck injury suffered in a crash last weekend, said yesterday that he may never race again. Fittipaldi, 49, fractured the seventh cervical vertebra in his neck after crashing into a wall at 230mph during the Marlboro 500 in Michigan on Sunday.

Texas fall short

Polo: Nutcrackers beat Texas 7-6 in extra time in the semi-finals of the four-chukka Holden White Tournament during the Cowdray Park Club's Goodwood Week at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday. In the semi-final for the Ruins Cup, Los Locos (received 1½) defeated People Skills by 7½ goals to seven.

Johnston task

Bowls: Margaret Johnston defends her singles and pairs titles in the eighth women's world championships, which start at Victoria Park, Royal Leamington Spa today and run to August 18.

GOLF

Bjorn free to take advantage of stalls

From Mel Webb
in Gothenburg

THE second round of the Volvo Scandinavian Masters at Forsgårdens yesterday evolved into a day of gentle deceleration by some of the luxury limousines and the almost apologetic advance of a number of homelier family saloons. It was not a day to be a golfing Jaguar; the humble Ford was an altogether better bet.

At the end of it all, Ian Woosnam had all sorts of calamities in a 79 that saw him squeeze through on the cut mark of four over par, the same score as Bernhard Langer. Sam Torrance took his leave of Sweden on seven over, and although John Daly and Colin Montgomerie made the cut more easily, they have parcels of shots to make up on the leader, Thomas Bjorn, of Denmark.

The Danes do not immediately spring to mind when looking for winners of PGA European Tour events, primarily because not one of them has yet actually achieved the feat. Anders Sorensen, a man of charming demeanour but modest achievement, is the nearest the country has had to a golfing superstar; if Bjorn wins, he will surpass the career highlight of his compatriotin his first season on the tour.

Bjorn, who followed his 67 in the first round with a 68 for a total of 135, nine under par, leads Santiago Luna by three shots with Russell Claydon a further stroke behind and Miguel Martin, Silvio Grappasonni and Jean Van de Velde on four under. With the greatest of respect to all of them, it is not a glittering leaderboard.

Bjorn bogeyed the 1st and 10th, each time missing par putts from eight feet, but sprinkled his card with six birdies on a day of sunshine and the sort of buffeting breezes that were just strong enough to be an irritant. They did not, it must be said, disturb him a jot.

Daly, meanwhile, was reflecting on the 89 with which he plunged out of the Dutch Open a week before to the day. "It's a hell of a score to make when you're trying," he said. "I was hitting six-irons just to make sure I broke a hundred. There are days when your body doesn't do what your mind wants it to." Take one brisk pace forward all those weekend golfers who know exactly what he meant.

Family matter lacks finale

DENNY LUCAS and Shaun Webster, two 19-year-olds, will contest the 36-hole final of the 66th English Amateur Championship at the Notts Golf Club, Hollinwell, today after dashing Ian and Carl Richardson's dreams of a unique family affair (Patricia Davies writes).

Father and son have never met in the final of the English but the Richardsons reached the semi-finals before Ian, 50, fell to Lucas and Carl, 19, lost to Webster.

In a sense, Lucas is defending the title, for he is a member of Worksop, the home club of Mark Foster, who won the championship in 1994 and 1995. Lucas was never behind against Richardson *père*, who set off down the 1st as his son battled down the 21st in his quarter-final against Justin Rose.

Richardson admitted that his mind was not on his own match at first and he lost three holes in a row after losing a ball at the 2nd. It was a deficit he never made up and he was quick to say that Lucas, a composed young man, had played the better golf.

Richardson *fils* performed heroics in the morning, to come from three down after ten holes to defeat Rose, 16, from Hampshire, on the 22nd. It was a tense, enthralling struggle that did credit to both players.

At the 21st, Richardson stayed alive by holing a birdie putt of 25 feet after bunkering his second. Both missed the green at the next and, for once, Rose failed to get up and down, missing from five feet, while Richardson holed from half that distance.

In the afternoon, Webster always had the edge after winning the 6th with a birdie four and he closed out the match at the 16th by hitting a sand-iron to two inches for his sixth birdie.

ATLANTA 96: THE COMPLETE GUIDE

While British riders have failed to impress at these Olympic Games, British trainers working abroad have had praise heaped upon them. After Mark Phillips's successful training of the United States three-day event team — who attributed their silver medal largely to his guidance — Thursday's showjumping team contest saw the Spanish, under the management of David Broome, finishing in fifth place, some six places above Great Britain. Broome, a former world champion and the winner of two individual Olympic bronze medals for Great Britain during his illustrious 35-year career, took on the Spanish after the Barcelona Olympic Games. Since then Broome, 56, has also been appointed chairman of the British Show Jumping Association — a role which took a back seat in Thursday's team contest as Broome busied himself putting up practice poles for the highly focused Spain squad, while Britain's own Olympic showjumping fortunes sank to their lowest ebb for 26 years. JM

Marie-José Pérec, of France, and Michael Johnson, of the United States, are the second and third athletes to complete the 200-400 metres Olympic double. The first, Valerie Brisco-Hooks, accomplished it in 1984 in Los Angeles, her home town. She won a third gold medal in the 4 x 400 metres relay but, almost immediately, she lost one. She had it stolen from her bag as she travelled to compete in Berlin. It was little more than a year after giving birth that Brisco-Hooks took advantage of the Communist bloc boycott to record the unprecedented feat, but she still had to beat Florence Griffith-Joyner and Merlene Ottey, among others, in the 200 metres. However, unlike Pérec and Johnson, she did not become a marketing darling. "It was a different world 12 years ago," she said. "Corporate America was just getting involved in track and field." After giving birth, Brisco-Hooks had to lose 40lb. She did it by running on the spot in her bathroom, with a hot shower on to build up steam. DP

Stig Westergaard, the Denmark Soling skipper, has a healthy sense of humour — and it is probably just as well. When he arrived in Savannah he found that his British-built yacht was illegal. It had been built using insufficient weight of material in its hull and he had to race in the Spanish team's reserve boat instead. This is roughly equivalent to an equestrian rider attempting a three-day event on someone else's horse. Remarkably, Westergaard still made it into the match racing knockout stage, where he was beaten 3-2 by Andy Beadsworth, of Great Britain. Throughout the regatta his original boat, which was named *When Rock'n'Roll Dreams Come True*, has been sitting by the Denmark team container looking rather forlorn. Westergaard has drawn an eye with tears dripping from it on the port hull. Above it he has written in black felt tip, "What am I?" — an ironic reference to the conclusion by the International Yacht Racing Union that it is not a Soling fit to race at the 1996 Olympic Games. EG

Reports: Jenny MacArthur, David Powell, Edward Gorman

HOT SPOT

The victory in the 4 x 400 metres relay in Tokyo by the Great Britain team in the world championships of 1991 is one of the enduring memories of recent sporting history. Today, the national squad attempts to repeat that performance, with silver medal-winner Roger Black as the example to follow. With Michael Johnson lining up for the United States, it will not be easy. TV: BBC1: from 9.15pm

MEDAL TABLES

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
United States	32	31	16
Russia	21	16	9
China	16	19	11
France	14	6	14
Germany	12	13	21
Italy	11	6	9
Australia	8	9	18
Ukraine	7	2	6
South Korea	6	9	5
Poland	6	5	3
Romania	4	5	6
Hungary	4	3	6
Greece	4	3	0
Switzerland	4	1	0
Cuba	3	5	8
Japan	3	5	3
Brazil	3	2	6
New Zealand	3	2	1
Spain	3	1	3
Denmark	3	1	1
Ireland	3	0	1
Turkey	3	0	1
Canada	2	8	7
Holland	2	4	9
Kazakhstan	2	3	1
Belgium	2	2	2
North Korea	2	1	2
South Africa	2	1	1
Ethiopia	2	0	0
Belorussia	1	5	8
Great Britain	1	5	6
Jamaica	1	3	0
Sweden	1	3	1
Czech Republic	1	2	3
Finland	1	2	0
Norway	3	1	3
Armenia	1	1	0
Indonesia	1	1	1
Slovakia	1	0	1
Yugoslavia	1	0	1
Costa Rica	1	0	0
Ecuador	1	0	0
Hong Kong	1	0	0
Syria	1	0	0
Bulgaria	0	4	4
Kenya	0	2	1
Slovenia	0	2	0
Austria	0	1	1
Iran	0	1	1
Argentina	0	1	0
Taiwan	0	1	0
Croatia	0	1	0
Malaysia	0	1	0
Namibia	0	2	0
Uzbekistan	0	1	0
Zambia	0	1	0
Nigeria	0	0	2
Trinidad	0	0	2
Georgia	0	0	1
Israel	0	0	1
Mexico	0	0	1
Mongolia	0	0	1
Morocco	0	0	1
Mozambique	0	0	1
Moldavia	0	0	1
Portugal	0	0	1
Uganda	0	0	1

□ *At end of Thursday's events*

ATLANTA TODAY

Weather: hot Humidity: 92% Temperature: 70F

GRAPHIC: GEOFFREY SIMS AND PAUL BRYANT

It ought to be one big party down at Lake Lanier. No fewer than eight canoeists have celebrated their birthday this week: Liwoski, of Germany; Holmen and Roander, of Norway; Busto, of Spain; Sylvoz, of France; Terhes, of Hungary; Hejda, of the Czech Republic; and Philips, of the United States. But the only bubbly they are likely to see before next week will be that marking the finish line. An air hose on the floor of the lake is pumping air to the surface (to make things visibly easier for the competitors) for the first time in Olympic competition, the innovation having first been used at the world championships in Duisberg, in 1993. The sport is also about to make another visible change by removing protection from those up the creek without a paddle: once wooden, paddles are now made of carbon fibre and, with no breaks in the past ten years, there is no longer a need to mark with blue buoys the 25-metre limit line, up to which races are cancelled if a competitor breaks a paddle. CL

The United States expects success and, in most sports at these Games its competitors have achieved it. One exception is hockey, or field hockey as the Americans term it. The US finished last in the 12-nation tournament. Their coach is Jon Clark, a Briton, who embarrassed the American authorities by claiming on his CV that he had played 247 times for England and Great Britain. In fact he played once for England. However, the Americans enjoy his humour — after the 3-0 defeat by South Africa, he described his mood as "livid, bordering on the sarcastic". He added: "We lived by the new rules of hockey: every time you get into your opponents' half you meekly give up the ball." He said of his team's performance: "We have tried the intellectual approach and so far it hasn't worked. The IQ thermometer has slipped its temperature around the goal." When told that the game was, at least, entertaining, he replied: "It was entertaining — in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Port Elizabeth." JG

Reaching the final of the Olympic football tournament against Argentina today has clearly not pacified critics in the Nigerian press. Jo Bonfrere, the Dutch coach of the Olympic side, was asked in the press conference after Nigeria's 4-3 victory over Brazil why he was selecting players who were not in form. The combative Dutchman's response was forthright. "This is a question from the Nigerian press, who did not like us reaching the Olympic finals. It is a stupid question. It doesn't matter whether your players have one or two legs as long as they win," he said. In the women's tournament, all has been sweetness and light. A crowd of 76,481 watched the United States beat China 2-1 in the final, the largest ever for a women's match. The only casualty has been the privet hedge which surrounded the stadium. It had to be dug up to fit the wider dimensions of the football pitch. All is not lost, though: cuttings were taken two years ago and the hedge will be replanted once the football has finished. AL

Reports: Craig Lord, John Goodbody, Andrew Longmore

THIS WEEKEND AT THE GAMES

All times BST

Today

ATHLETICS: Finals: Men: Javelin (23.55); 4 x 100m relay (00.20); 1,500m (00.50); 5,000m (01.40); 4 x 400m relay (02.40). Women: High jump (23.30); 4 x 100m relay (00.00); 1,500m (01.15); 4 x 400m relay (02.15).

BASKETBALL: Men: Bronze medal match (01.00) and final (03.00). Women: Play-offs (15.00, 17.00, 20.00 and 22.00).

BOXING: Finals: Light-flyweight, bantamweight, lightweight, welterweight, middleweight and heavyweight (from 18.30).

CANOEING: Sprint finals: Men's 1,000m K1 (14.00); men's 1,000m C1 (14.25); women's 500m K4 (14.50); men's 1,000m K2 (15.15); men's 1,000m C2 (15.40); men's 1,000m K4 (16.05).

CYCLING: Individual time-trials: men (13.30) and women (17.45).

EQUESTRIANISM: *Individual dressage final* (14.00).

FOOTBALL: Men: Final (20.30).

GYMNASTICS: Women's individual rhythmic, semi-finals (15.00).

HANDBALL: Women's bronze medal match and final (20.30).

TENNIS: Men's singles, bronze medal match (15.00) and final (18.00); women's doubles, final (21.00).

VOLLEYBALL: Women's bronze medal match and final (17.00).

Tomorrow

ATHLETICS: Men's marathon (12.05).

BASKETBALL: Women's bronze medal match (13.30) and final (16.30).

BOXING: Finals: Flyweight, featherweight, light-welterweight, light-middleweight, light-heavyweight, super-heavyweight (from 18.30).

CANOEING: *Sprint finals (all 500m): Men's* K1 (14.00); men's C1 (14.20); women's K1 (14.40); men's K2 (15.00); men's C2 (15.20); women's K2 (15.40).

EQUESTRIANISM: Individual showjumping (15.00 and 19.00).

GYMNASTICS: Women's individual rhythmic, finals (18.00).

HANDBALL: Men's bronze medal match and final (18.30).

VOLLEYBALL: Men's bronze medal match and final (17.00).

WHEN TO WATCH ON TELEVISION

BBC1

Today: 8.0-11.0am, 12.30-5.10pm, 9.15pm-4.25am. Tomorrow: 8.0-10.0am, 6.25-9.30pm, 11.15pm-5.0am.

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Today: 5.10-9.15pm. Tomorrow: 12.0-6.25pm.

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OLYMPIC GAMES: CUBAN BOXER SEEKS SPARK TO RETAIN TITLE AND REALISE HIS OWN GOLD DREAM

Hernandez tiring of same punchline

One country has become dominant in Olympic boxing, says **Andrew Longmore**

IN an album in his house outside Pinar del Rio, Ariel Hernandez keeps a wisp of bloodied cotton wool tucked between the photographs of his life. It reminds the Cuban middleweight, who many regard as the best pound-for-pound amateur boxer in the world, of his friend and mentor, Roberto Balado, the super-heavyweight gold medal-winner at Barcelona, who was killed in a road accident two years ago. Hernandez was at Balado's bedside when he died. He found the cotton wool in his hand when he got home.

There has been little to shout about in the boxing arena over the past ten days. The standard is low, the scoring system oblique, the refereeing absurdly pedantic and the Cubans are professionals when everyone else, bar a few of the German soldiers, are amateurs.

Even Hernandez, you sense, is beginning to lose interest. Several times during his Olympic preparations, he disappeared from the Cubans' training headquarters at La Finca, a farmhouse outside Havana, and, in his semi-final victory over the United States middleweight champion, Rhoshii Wells, he seemed to be boxing in his sleep. When comparisons to Sugar Ray Leonard and Roy Jones fall so easily from the lips of respected judges, when you have a brand new white Lada in the garage, respect from everyone on the streets of Havana and an Olympic gold in the cabinet, what pleasure is there in beating up a raw 19-year-old from Riverdale, Georgia?

"I sense he is getting tired," Jesse Ravallo, assistant coach of the United States team, said in the aftermath of Hernandez's 17-8 points win over Wells. "He's been doing this a long time now. After a while, the motivation goes." Hernandez is only 24, but Ravallo should know. He defected from Cuba after winning gold at the Pan-American games in Winnipeg in 1967. "If Ariel turned pro, he could be as good as Roy Jones. He's so quick, such a smart fighter, he makes you do things you don't want to do then picks on your mistakes. Our guys are too inexperienced. The Cubans just go on from Olympics to Olympics, they intimidate a lot of their opponents before they step into the ring."

In a bizarre conclusion to the evening, Felix Savon, five-times world champion heavyweight, came into the ring for his semi-final, put on his gloves and head protector and found no one in the opposite corner. One report had it that his opponent, Luan Krasniqi, of Germany, was forbidden to fight by the team doctor after suffering from an injured hand and a cut under his eye; another that the German had simply decided to settle for bronze rather than fight for gold. Few would care to blame him, but the dominance of the Cubans bodes ill for the Olympic future of boxing.

We should enjoy Hernandez while we can. Ravallo believes he is the ideal product of the Cuban system. "They like to get them tall and lean, with fast feet and quick hands. Hernandez has all those qualities," he said.

The Cubans are a good act. They come to the ring wearing the glitziest dressing-gowns, they bow, they usually win, they bow again, despite the jeers, and they go, without saying a word. None of the Cuban team will talk to the press. Hernandez always presents his opponent with a pennant before his bouts and goes over to the opposite corner to shake his opponent's hand, a gesture which clearly disconcerted young Wells.

Before the fight, the young American heard how his coaches wanted him to box. Go out and jump on him, they said, but Wells was only 19 and in his first Olympics he was up against the best Cuban fighter of his generation. Jump on him? Wells came out, caution on his mind, hands held high. Hernandez, with a longer reach and a faster punch, picked him off at long range from his southpaw stance. By the time, Wells had remembered what he was supposed to do, Hernandez was up and away.

"We had two choices," Ravallo said. "We could make it a boring fight or go out and pressure him. We changed our strategy. We wanted Rhoshii to have a rumble with him, but Hernandez was too smart. He did what he had to do and then did nothing." Another two rounds, Ravallo said, and the result might have been different. He was kidding no one, not even himself. Wells was unimpressed. "He's just an ordinary boxer who moves good. He ain't as good as everyone thinks he is," he said.

The problem is that no one will know how good Hernandez really is. He is the property of the Cuban government, paid and protected by the Castro regime. Tonight, he will defend his Olympic title against Malik Beyleroglu, of Turkey. Gold should be a formality, but his real ambition is to have his picture mounted on the Wall of Champions in the trophy room at La Finca. Only three other boxers have made it: Teofilio Stephenson, Savon and, of course, Balado.

JOHN KUNTZ

A Cuban welterweight, left, takes some punishment before achieving another victory for his country, who have dominated the boxing tournament

Britain fail to realise great expectations

Jenny MacArthur looks at the reasons for failures in equestrianism in Atlanta

RONNIE MASSARELLA'S summing up of his show-jumping team's performance in Thursday's team contest, where they finished joint-eleventh, their worst Olympic result since the Games in Rome in 1960, could apply to the entire British equestrian effort in Atlanta. "Everything's gone wrong," he complained. "We came with great expectations and ended with nothing."

As the formidable German team, winners of the gold medal in Seoul, swept to victory ahead of the United States, and while Brazil, the bronze medal-winners, celebrated their first Olympic equestrian medal, the British were left to wonder how a team containing three of the best riders in the world had failed so completely to perform when it mattered most.

Nick Skelton, whose opening eight faults on Showtime started the downward spiral, had no excuses. "I'm still trying to work out what went wrong. Showtime was jumping well," he said.

'I'm trying to work out what went wrong'

Michael Whitaker's Two Step was a disaster from the start. The 13-year-old gelding, who won the £100,000 Calgary Grand Prix and the European championships silver medal last year, was intimidated each time he entered the stadium.

Geoff Billington was the only rider to have a clear round, but that came too late to compensate for his opening 12 faults on It's Otto. When the usually reliable John Whitaker, on Welham, collected 12.75 faults in the second round, refusing at the final fence, Great Britain's humiliation was complete.

Massarella thought the team may have "mollycoddled" the horses too much since their arrival in Atlanta three weeks ago. "We may not have jumped them enough," he said. "At home, they jumped nearly every day, but here we were worried that the weather might take it out of them so we tended not to overjump them."

Undoubtedly, the Germans, with their highly-structured breeding programme, have more horses to choose from. The incomparable Ludger Beerbaum, who defends his individual Olympic title tomorrow, repeatedly deferred praise for his two faultless rounds on Thursday to his mare, Ratina. "She's the best in the world," he said. "What can make you more confident than knowing your horse is capable of jumping anything?"

However, a more significant reason for the German victory was hinted at by Herbert Meyer, their trainer, who, when asked the secret of his team's success, said: "We work together for a long time. We planned these Olympic Games four years ago."

Such was their planning that even an early disaster, when their world champion, Franke Sloothaak, fell and retired, could be overcome.

This is the lesson which Michael Bates, chairman of the British Equestrian Federation, is taking home. "We must analyse what went wrong and then, on Tuesday, start a four-year plan. It has cost more than £400,000 to send our three teams out here and we are all going to go back a little embarrassed."

Skelton, John Whitaker and Billington all compete tomorrow in the individual showjumping contest, the final equestrian event.

Beadsworth loses gold opportunity

FROM EDWARD GORMAN IN SAVANNAH

ANDY BEADSWORTH, Barry Parkin and Adrian Stead, the Great Britain crew, fell out of the battle for gold and silver in the Soling class yesterday after losing 3-0 to the German, Jochen Schumann. This left the Britons in a sail-off for bronze against the American crew led by Jeff Madrigali, who had also lost 3-0 to the Russian Georgiy Shayduko.

Beadsworth, who was visibly angry after losing to Schumann, got his act together in the first race against the Americans. He won the start and had a good lead during the first two legs. Madrigali caught up to within five boat lengths up the second beat, but Beadsworth held on to win by that margin.

With the breeze dropping to three knots, racing was then postponed. This left Beadsworth in position to claim the bronze medal by virtue of that single victory, if there was no further racing. This result would confirm Great Britain as the only nation apart from Brazil to have won three medals in yachting at these Games.

It was always going to be a tall order against Schumann for a place in the final. The German had come here with superior boat speed and steady nerves. He won the fleet racing with six top-five finishes and then used his speed to good effect against Beadsworth in the first two races.

Britain's three-time national match-racing champion must have been hoping for a replay of his recovery from 2-0 down against Stig Westergaard, of Denmark in the quarter-finals, as he crossed the start line to windward and pointing higher than the German. By the windward mark he was two boat lengths ahead but then Schumann turned it on down the run, sailing through to windward.

Schumann was inside at the mark and a boat length ahead. Then, two thirds of the way up the beat came the moment when Beadsworth's hopes of gold were dashed. Ahead and to leeward, he tacked onto port too close to the German on starboard, who had to alter course. Beadsworth lost the ensuing protest and could not win with a penalty from there

In the final, Shayduko a former European and world champion in the Flying Dutchman class, appeared to have the first race sown up against Schumann as he led the German by 18 seconds at the leeward mark. But Schumann then sailed an incredible beat to convert what appeared to be a hopless position into a 12-second lead at the second windward mark. He then won comfortably to have the psychological advantage going into race two.

Athletics manager with the Midas touch

David Powell meets the failed footballer who has contributed to the golden achievements of some of the world's best athletes

Brad Hunt remembers his days as an apprentice goalkeeper with Aberdeen Football Club. "Grey skies, soft grass, a lot of mud between the posts," is his main recollection. A far cry from Atlanta's blue skies, token grass and high humidity. How distant is the memory, as he sits in five-star luxury at the Olympic Games, of the little money he lived on, and the modest digs he shared with two other young players, 17 years ago.

Hunt was an "athletic" custodian but never, he admitted, close to making the first team. Yet he has reached the pinnacle as a manager. Not of footballers, but of athletes. Pick your best XI for a world track and field team and, the chances are, Hunt would manage half of them.

As the man who takes between ten and 25 per cent of commissions on deals he negotiates for Michael Johnson and several other leading athletes, Hunt is a commanding presence in the Olympic shoot-out. "Because of the depth of my client base, I have better odds at gold than they do," he said. Going for gold beats going in goal.

As well as Johnson, Hunt's clients include Dan O'Brien, Jonathan Edwards, Gwen Torrence and Mike Powell. "I do not know if there is another manager who is managing as many million dollar athletes," he said. Probably not.

Johnson's 1996 endorsement contract with Nike is worth $600,000. O'Brien's with Foot Locker and Nike is worth a similar amount, and Torrence has a $3 million deal over four years. Each athlete has several other smaller sponsors and personal appearances on a commercial footing come at between $10,000 and $20,000 a day.

Hunt's first step to a business which grossed in excess of $4 million last year was precipitated by the closure of the football club for which he played after returning home to the United States. He decided to combine his business education with his football knowledge and was taken on by International Management Group (IMG), eventually coming to represent Sebastian Coe.

"That really taught me a lot, how an athlete of his calibre thinks and prepares for top international competition. Before my first substantive meeting with Seb, I had been given three or four weeks to organise a European schedule for him, my first opportunity to show how hard I was going to work for him. This was the guy who was setting world records in half his races.

"I had spoken with all the meet promoters, had negotiated what I considered to be top appearance fees. Seb just sat back, nodded approvingly, recognising the effort I had put into it. Then he took the pen, took what had been 12 races, put a line through six of them, and gave it back to me. I noticed he had not changed the sub-totals.

"He said: 'If I do my job right, we should be able to make the same amount by running half as many races.' The light bulb went on immediately. Here was the clearest illustration of much of my business training. Limit the supply, increase the demand."

Hunt left IMG in 1985. "My ambition exceeded their comfort, so it was my way or highway, and I went the highway," he said. After working briefly in television and for another sports marketing company, he started up Gold Medal Management in 1991.

Johnson, Hunt's star signing, could be top scorer come the end of the Games, one chance taken, with a hat-trick in prospect. As the Olympic spin-offs pick up, Johnson will tell you that he could not be in safer hands than those which once kept goal at Aberdeen.

Drop out of top six leaves Britain in exile

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN

GREAT Britain's hockey campaign in the 1996 Olympic Games ended on Thursday with the men in seventh position and the women losing the bronze medal play-off to Holland after a penalty shoot-out.

The immediate effect of the drop from sixth position by the men's team will be felt by its exclusion from the next two Champions Trophy competitions — at the end of the year in Madras and at Adelaide in 1997. Furthermore, invitations to play in international tournaments abroad will not be pouring in.

With the break-up of the Olympic team, the immediate need is a rethink on the position of manager and coach and the criteria for selection. From now on, everything will be geared to the 1998 World Cup at Utrecht, in Holland, for which England have already qualified.

The men's event here will be remembered for its early series of shock results, which had a distinct bearing on the qualification for the semi-finals. The 3-0 defeat of Pakistan by Spain and Argentina's 1-0 victory over India started an Asian slide which led to the failure of both the leading Asian teams to qualify for the semi-finals. South Korea, who began with high hopes, also faded out.

The balance of power shifted to European teams, three of which — Spain, Holland and Germany — qualified for the semi-finals with Australia, whose hopes were extinguished with a 2-1 defeat by Spain. Holland beat Germany 3-1.

In a bruising battle for fifth place yesterday, South Korea finally subdued Pakistan by defeating them 3-1. After losing 4-3 to Britain, India settled for eighth place, their lowest position in the competition.

Meanwhile, the International Hockey Federation announced changes in the rules. The World Cup-holders will no longer gain automatic qualification for the Olympic. There will be three points for a win instead of two and one for a draw in all future international competition.

The women's event ended on Thursday night with a 3-1 victory for Australia over South Korea in the final.

ATLANTA BRIEFS

Australia's dreams are dashed

THE Dream Team reached the final of the Olympic men's basketball tournament after beating Australia 101-73 in a semi-final that saw the United States team of professional players stretched for the first 15 minutes when the score was 36-36. They meet Yugoslavia in the final today.

"This is the proudest I've been of this team because we had to compete," Charles Barkley, who led the Americans with 24 points, said.

Streetwise

Archery: A Californian student who practises at home by shooting arrows through his garage door from across the street, left the world's best archers trailing to win the Olympic men's gold medal. Roared on by a partisan crowd, Justin Huish, 21, convincingly beat Magnus Petersson, of Sweden, and reaffirmed American dominance in men's target archery.

Home win

Football: A record crowd of more than 75,000 supporters roared the United States to a 2-1 victory over China on Thursday to win the first women's Olympic title. The winning goal came in the 68th minute from Tiffeny Mibrett.

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OLYMPIC GAMES: BRITAIN'S FORMER WORLD RECORD-HOLDER POISED TO TAKE ON FAVOURITE ZELEZNY IN JOUST FOR JAVELIN GOLD

Backley climbs straight into final reckoning

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN ATLANTA

STEVE BACKLEY, a bronze medal-winner for Great Britain at the Barcelona Games four years ago, progressed into the final of the Olympic javelin competition here yesterday no less efficiently than the favourite, Jan Zelezny, from the Czech Republic.

Backley was on crutches in May, after an operation to repair a ruptured Achilles tendon, at the time when Zelezny threw the first athletics world record of the season. Backley has had only two competitions since returning, but exceeded the automatic qualifying distance with his first throw yesterday to reach the final today.

Backley, the European champion and former world record holder, recorded 84.14 metres, needing 83.00 metres to guarantee his place in the final 12. That meant he did not need to throw again and he finished third in Group B.

Zelezny's world record stands at 98.48 metres and he arrived in Atlanta as one of the hottest favourites. He, too, qualified with is first throw, 86.52 metres, winning the group in which Backley was competing. Tom Pukstys, of the United States, was second in the group with 84.70 metres. Nick Nieland, from Britain, failed to progress with 75.74 metres.

However, Zelezny's throw was not the best of the qualifying round. In Group A, Kostas Gatsioudis threw 87.12 metres to set a Greece national record. Gatsioudis, 22, was third in the 1992 world junior championships, but has little record at senior level.

In the 4 x 400 metres relay, Great Britain took an expected place in the semi-finals. Roger Black, the individual silver medal winner, was rested but Britain, probably the only team with a chance of upsetting the United States, has strength in depth in its squad and could afford that luxury.

Robert Korzeniowski, of Poland, who won the 50 kilometre walk yesterday, ascribed his success to his unusual training regime, which involved daily cross-border tripes between two countries.

"I woke up in France, where I had my breakfast, and then walked across the border into Belgium for the morning, then back to France for lunch," the 28-year-old said. "My base in France is about one kilometre from where I cross the border into Belgium. There is very little traffic on the roads where I was training. It was perfect.

"But I don't just train in Belgium and France. I like to move around. I've been to Portugal, up to the high altitude of Johannesburg and, of course, to Poland. Sports scientists say that all the travelling isn't good for me but my success today and the success I have had before proves that I am doing something right."

Korzenioswki, who celebrated his birthday on Wednesday, had more cause for rejoicing yesterday by putting the disappointments of the Barcelona Olympics and the 1993 world championships in Stuttgart behind him. An occupational risk for walkers is being disqualified for lifting — failing to keep at least one foot in continuous contact with the ground. Korzeniowski said those two disqualifications taught him a lot.

Korzeniowski, eighth in the 20 kilometre walk a week ago, said he knew he had the race won with four kilometres to go when he opened a 30-second lead over Mikhail Shchennikov, of Russia, who finished with the silver after winning a duel with Valentin Massana, of Spain, the former world champion. Korzeniowski, Poland's first athletics gold medal winner for 16 years, finished in 3hr 43min 30sec, 16sec ahead of Shchennikov. Massana clocked 3:44.19 to take the bronze.

Du'aine Ladejo, of Britain, who failed to qualify for the 400 metres final, has said he plans to move to the 100 metres and 200 metres before the Sydney Games. Ladejo plans radical changes to his schedule in the next four years.

"Sadly at these Olympics I was not able to go out on a very high note," he said. "This doesn't mean I'm not coming back to the 400 but it means that I will be moving on to something that I've wanted to do since I was six years old, and that's compete in the 100 and 200." Ladejo earned a stern rebuke from Roger Black, the 400 metres silver medal winner, for his pre-Games boast that he could beat Michael Johnson.

WIN McNAMEE

Kelly Holmes, of Britain, eases past Regina Jacobs in the 1,500 metres semi-final

Pérec possesses the spirit of a model champion

FROM DAVID POWELL

At 5ft 11in, with her long arms, slender frame and pinhead, Marie-José Pérec circles the track like the Eiffel Tower come to life. France beat the United States to an Olympic 200 and 400 metres double by 15 minutes here in Atlanta on Thursday evening when Pérec added the half-lap title to the full-lap gold she had won on Monday, jumping the gun on Michael Johnson.

When she was 13, Pérec was nicknamed "Sugar Cane", dominating the court in basketball and volleyball, using those games as an excuse for escaping athletics. She was born in Guadeloupe, a French administrative district, and not until she was 16 did her potential as a runner surface.

A visiting French coach timed her for 200 metres and told her she had qualified her for the French championships. "I did not know what the Olympic Games were then," Pérec, who would come to be know as *La Gazelle* in the French media, said. Eight years later, she won her first Olympic title, the 400 metres, at the 1992 Barcelona Games.

Pérec was born in poverty and raised by her grandmother in Guadeloupe, which is shaped like a butterfly. She floats like one. Her acceleration past Merlene Ottey in the last few strides of the 200 metres was an impressive sight.

Although she has a reputation for being difficult and arrogant, Pérec revealed a generosity of spirit when she said that she was "disturbed" at denying Ottey. Born in Jamaica 38 days after Linford Christie was, 36 years ago, Ottey appeared to be on the threshold of her first individual Olympic title after one silver and four bronze medals. "When I crossed the line I was quite happy but also, somewhere inside, I was sad," Pérec said of denying Ottey.

When Pérec won in Barcelona, she recorded 48.83sec. She was asked if she felt capable of taking Marita Koch's world record of 47.60sec and took the opportunity to make known her views on East Germany's state-run drug programme.

"For me, 47.60 does not really count," Pérec said. "I think the world record is the race I ran today." While Koch's mark, and Florence Griffith-Joyner's 200 metres world record, remain out of reach, she has been experimenting with the 400 metres hurdles because she believes, only in that event, is the world record within reach of her long levers. "My career would not be complete without a world record," she said.

Pérec lives now in Malibu, California, far away from Paris, where she could not walk the streets without hassle. She has made her name in Paris fashion, modelling for Paco Rabanne and taking courses in clothes design.

Of the four gold medals decided on Thursday, only Pérec's was not from the host nation. Dan O'Brien, the decathlon world record-holder, won his first Olympic title; Derrick Adkins won the 400 metres hurdles in his home town; and there was the other MJ; hot on the heels of Marie-José came Michael Johnson.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS FROM ATLANTA

Archery

Men's team

FIRST ROUND: United States bt Indonesia 251-245; Ukraine bt Canada 238-225; Finland bt France 245-244; Italy bt Taiwan 244-243; Slovenia bt Russia 242-241; Sweden bt Kazakstan 247-245; Australia bt China 243-240; South Korea bye.

QUARTER-FINALS: South Korea bt Slovenia 251-249; Australia bt Sweden 253-241; United States bt Ukraine 251-240; Italy bt Finland 252-236

Women's team

FIRST ROUND: China bt Japan 222-217; Germany bt Italy 245-236; Kazakhstan bt United States 235-226; Turkey bt South Africa 240-228; Sweden bt Taiwan 239-227; Poland bt Russia 249-229; Ukraine bt Indonesia 246-208; South Korea bye.

QUARTER-FINALS: South Korea bt Sweden 249-226; Poland bt Ukraine 242-235; Germany bt China 232-231; Turkey bt Kazakhstan 247-226.

Athletics

Men's 4 x 100 metres relay

HEATS (first two in each heat and 6 fastest losers to semi-finals): Heat one: 1, Ukraine (K Rurak, S Dologodin, S Osovych, O Kramerenko) 38.90sec; 2, Brazil 38.97; equal 3, Ghana and Nigeria 39.47; 5, Cameroon 39.81; 6, St Vincent and the Grenadines 40.54; 7, Mauritius 40.92; 8, Laos 44.14. Heat two: 1, Canada (D Bailey, G Gilbert, B Surin, C Chambers) 38.68; 2, Germany 38.77; 3, Sierra Leone 38.98; 4, St Kitts and Nevis 40.12; 5, Equatorial Guinea 45.63; Papua New Guinea did not finish. Japan disqualified. Heat three: 1, United States (T Harden, J Drummond, D Mitchell, T Montgomery) 38.58; 2, Sweden 39.02; 3, Bahamas 39.38; 4, Thailand 39.80; 5, Fiji 40.23; Great Britain (D Braithwaite, D Campbell, O Dako, A Jarrett) did not finish. Heat four: 1, Jamaica (L Gordon, R Stewart, M Green, P Spencer) 39.21; 2, Spain 39.35; 3, Ivory Coast 39.43; 4, Togo 39.56; 5, Gabon 39.97; 6, Benin 40.79; 7, Gambia 41.80; Italy did not finish. Heat five: 1, Australia (P Greene, M Joubert, M Ladbrook, C Mackenzie) 38.93; 2, France 39.00; 3, Cuba 39.14; 4, Austria 39.80; 5, Cyprus 40.08; 6, Liberia 40.18; 7, British Virgin Islands 41.26; Greece disqualified

Men's 4 x 400 metres relay

HEATS (first two in each heat and six fastest losers to semi-finals) Heat one: 1, Great Britain (J Baulch, M Hylton, D Ladejo, M Richardson) 3min 01.79sec; 2, Poland 3:01.92; 3, Brazil 3:02.51; 4, Australia 3:03.73; 5, St Lucia 3:10.51; 6, Fiji 3:10.67; 7, Sierra Leone 3:11.65. Heat two: 1, United States (A Maybank, D Mills, L Smith, J Rouser) 3:00.56; 2, Russia 3:04.73; 3, Ghana 3:05.53; 4, Cuba 3:05.75; 5, Qatar 3:08.25; 6, Antigua 3:09.46; 7, Lesotho 3:15.67. Heat three: 1, Kenya (K Ochieng, J Chepkwony, S Kemboi, S Yego) 3:02.52; 2, Senegal 3:02.61; 3, Nigeria 3:02.73; 4, Switzerland 3:03.05; 5, St Vincent and the Grenadines 3:06.52; 6, British Virgin Islands 3:17.30; 7, Papua New Guinea 3:19.92. Heat four: 1, Jamaica (D Blake, R Martin, G Haughton, G Robinson) 3:02.81; 2, Italy 3:03.60; 3, South Africa 3:03.79; 4, Mauritius 3:08.17; 5, Zimbabwe 3:13.35; 6, Maldives 3:24.88; Grenada disqualified. Heat five: 1, Japan (J Osakada, S Karube, K Tabata, S Omori) 3:02.82; 2, Bahamas 3:04.08; 3, Saudi Arabia 3:04.67; 4, Germany 3:05.16; 5, Botswana 3:06.62; 6, Guyana 3:07.19; Gambia did not finish.

Men's 50km walk

1, R Korzeniowski (Pol) 3hr 43min 30sec; 2, M Shchennikov (Rus) 3:43:46; 3, V Massana (Sp) 3:44:19; 4, A di Mezza (It) 3:44:52; 5, V Ginko (Belo) 3:45:27; 6, I Zamudio (Mex) 3:46:07; 7, V Kononen (Fin) 3:47:40; 8, S Korepanov (Kaz) 3:48:42.

Men's javelin

QUALIFYING (83.00m or leading 12 to final): Pool A: 1, K Gatsioudis (Gr) 87.12m; 2, S Makarov (Rus) 85.88; 3, S Raty (Fin) 83.66; 4, R Hecht (Ger) 83.24; 5, P Blank (Ger) 82.68; 6, K Kinnunen (Fin) 80.98; 7, M Hill (GB) 80.48; 8, P A Fagernes (Nor) 79.78; 9, D Stephens (US) 79.18; 10, E Gonzalez (Cuba) 77.94; 11, E Baumann (Para) 77.74; 15, T McHugh (Ire) 72.84. Pool B: 1, J Zelezny (Cz) 86.52; 2, T Pukstys (US) 84.70; 3, S Backley (GB) 84.14; 4, B Henry (Ger) 83.22; 5, Lianbiao Zhang (China) 79.86; 6, H Hakkarainen (Fin) 79.34; 7, V Ovchinnikov (Rus) 78.20; 8, T Riech (US) 78.02; 9, D Polymerou (Gr) 77.82; 12, N Nieland (GB) 75.74.

Women's 4 x 100 metres relay

HEATS (first two in each heat and two fastest losers to final): Heat one: 1, United States (C Gaines, G Torrence, C Guidry, I Miller) 42.49sec; 2, Bahamas 43.14; 3, Australia 43.75; 4, Colombia 44.16; 5, Cuba 44.32; 6, Antigua 45.09; 7, Virgin Islands 46.09; Cameroon did not finish. Heat two: 1, Jamaica (M Freeman, G Russell, N Mitchell, A Lloyd) 43.38; 2, Nigeria 43.54; 3, Great Britain (S Jacobs, K Merry, M Richardson, A Thorp) 43.88; 4, Thailand 45.62; 5, Lesotho 49.52; Germany and Madagascar did not finish. Heat three: 1, Russia (G Malchugina, Y Leshchova, N Voronova, I Privalova) 43.00; 2, France 43.09; 3, Bulgaria 44.19; 4, Finland 44.21; 5, Canada 44.34; 6, Sierra Leone 47.10; Saint Kitts and Nevis did not finish

Basketball

Men's play-offs

ELEVENTH PLACE: Angola 99 South Korea 61

Canoeing

Men's 500m Canadian singles

SEMI-FINALS (first two in each heat and fastest loser to final). Heat one: 1, M Slivinskiy (Ukr) 1min 52.09sec; 2, K Negodyayev (Kaz) 1:52.42; 3, E Le Leuch (Fr) 1:53.30; 4, J M Crespo (Sp) 1:54.12; 5, F Huidu (Rom) 1:56.73; 6, A Platchinta (Mold) 1:57.45; 7, S Pereira (Por) 1:57.94. Heat two: 1, S Giles (Can) 1:51.61; 2, N Bukhalov (Bul) 1:51.91; 3, C Frederiksen (Den) 1:52.17; 4, J Terrell (US) 1:54.08; 5, D Funtak (Cro) 1:58.57; 6, Y Astanin (Uzb) 1:59.04

Men's 500m Canadian pairs

SEMI-FINALS (first four in each heat and fastest losers to final): Heat one: 1, Romania (G Andriev and G Obreja) 1:41.65; 2, Moldova (N Juravschi and V Reneischi) 1:42.02; 3, Spain (J A Bea and O Shelestenko) 1:42.39; 4, Russia (A Kabanov and P Konovalov) 1:43.14; 5, Slovakia (C Orosz and P Pales) 1:43.75; 6, Canada (A Buday and T Buday) 1:44.21; 7, South Korea (Park Chang-Kyu and Jun Kwong-Rak) 1:44.45; 8, Poland (P Baraszkiewicz and M Kobierski) 1:44.79; 9, Italy 1:47.55. Heat two: 1, Hungary (C Horvath and G Kolonics) 1:42.18; 2, Germany (A Dittmer and G Kirchbach) 1:43.65; 3, Belorussia (A Maseykov and D Dovgalyonok) 1:43.93; 4, Bulgaria (M Marinov and B Stoyanov) 1:44.13; 5, Croatia (D Funtak and I Sabjan) 1:44.77; 6, Czech Republic (P Bednar and P Fuksa) 1:44.90; 7, Great Britain (A Train and S Train) 1:45.63; 8, Kazakhstan 1:45.99; 9, Ukraine 1:51.01

Men's 500m kayak singles

SEMI-FINALS (first four in each heat and fastest loser to final). Heat one: 1, A Rossi (It) 1:39.18; 2, K Holmann (Nor) 1:39.92; 3, M Kolehmainen (Fin) 1:40.76; 4, R Erban (Slovakia) 1:41.42; 5, P Markiewicz (Pol) 1:41.58; 6, R Crichlow (Can) 1:41.74; 7, Z Antal (Hun) 1:41.87; 8, S Kalesnik (Belo) 1:42.50; 9, S Cuattrin (Br) 1:43.04. Heat two: 1, L Liwowski (Ger) 1:40.31; 2, G Magyar (Rom) 1:40.61; 3, M Garcia (Sp) 1:40.58; 4, C McFadzean (Aus) 1:41.08; 5, S Verlin (Rus) 1:41.79; 6, V Tereshchenko (Ukr) 1:41.88; 7, J Correa (Arg) 1:42.07; 8, M Herbert (US) 1:42.33; 9, P Merkov (Bul) 1:42.37

Men's 500m kayak pairs

SEMI-FINALS (first four in each heat and fastest losers to final): Heat one: 1, Italy (B Bonomi and D Scarpa) 1:29.66; 2, Australia (D Collins and A Trim) 1:29.93; 3, Bulgaria (M Kazanov and A Dushev) 1:30.64; 4, Hungary (K Bartial and Z Gyulay) 1:30.72; 5, Spain (J Gonzalez and G Vicente) 1:31.13; 6, United States (S Jorgensen and J Mooney) 1:32.25; 7, Czech Republic (K Lestina and J Polivka) 1:32.51; 8, Lithuania (V Kupcinskas and V Mizeras) 1:32.69; 9, Argentina 1:37.17. Heat two: 1, Germany (K Bluhm and T Gutsche) 1:29.88; 2, Russia (O Gorobiy and A Tishchenko) 1:30.03; 3, Poland (M Freimut and A Wysocki) 1:30.24; 4, Romania (D Stoian and R Serban) 1:30.61; 5, Denmark (T Nielsen and J Staal) 1:30.65; 6, Portugal (R Fernandes and J Queiros) 1:31.55; 7, Sweden (M Oscarsson and S Malmsten) 1:31.81; 8, Belgium 1:34.80; 9, Uzbekistan 1:35.54.

Women's 500m kayak singles

SEMI-FINALS (first four in each heat and fastest loser to final): Heat one: 1, R Koban (Hun) 1:48.84; 2, S Gunnarsson (Swe) 1:49.88; 3, U Profanter (Austria) 1:50.06; 4, I Haralamow (Switz) 1:50.93; 5, K Borchert (Aus) 1:51.14; 6, B Sanchez (Sp) 1:52.32; 7, A Dalleway (GB) 1:55.84; 8, A Michaux (Fr) 1:55.93; 9, Beibei Gao (China) 1:57.49. Heat two: 1, J Idem (It) 1:49.07; 2, C Brunet (Can) 1:49.57; 3, B Fischer (Ger) 1:51.88; 4, A Pastuszka (Pol) 1:53.25; 5, R Nortje (SA) 1:53.61; 6, D van de Venne (Bel) 1:54.69; 7, L Carmi (Isr) 1:54.89; 8, S Maruyama (Japan) 1:54.94; 9, T Phillips (US) 1:55.33

Women's 500m kayak pairs

SEMI-FINALS (first four in each heat and fastest losers to final). Heat one: 1, Hungary (R Koban and S Mednyanszki) 1:42.78; 2, Germany (R Portwich and B Fischer) 1:43.06; 3, Spain (I Aramburu and B Manchon) 1:44.43; 4, Canada (M-J Gibeau and C Kennedy) 1:44.48; 5, France (S Kleinhenz and S Loyau) 1:46.58; 6, Romania (S Toma and V Iordache) 1:47.08; 7, Ukraine (K Yurchenko and A Balabanova) 1:48.85; 8, China 1:49.18; 9, Great Britain (H Gilby and A Thorogood) 1:49.84. Heat two: 1, Sweden (A Andersson and S Gunnarsson) 1:43.52; 2, Australia (K Borchert and A Wood) 1:43.72; 3, Poland (I Dylewska-Swiatowiak and E Urbanczyk) 1:45.19; 4, Russia (L Kosorukova and N Gulyi) 1:45.50; 5, Switzerland (D Baumer and I Haralamow) 1:46.62; 6, Bulgaria (B Pindzheva and N Zafirova) 1:48.31; 7, Czech Republic 1:49.12; 8, United States 1:49.46; 9, Mexico 1:52.05

Handball

Men's play-offs

ELEVENTH PLACE: Brazil 31 Kuwait 25

Hockey

Men's play-offs

FIFTH PLACE: South Korea 3 Pakistan 1.

Yachting

Soling

SEMI-FINAL MATCH RACING: Germany bt Great Britain (A Beadsworth, B Parkin, A Stead) 3-0; Russia bt United States 3-0

Novotna collects her third medal

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JANA NOVOTNA won her third Olympic tennis medal, and her first in singles, when she claimed the bronze yesterday, beating Mary Joe Fernandez of the United States 7-6, 6-4. It was at least a tangible reward for her defeat of the the No 1 seed, Monica Seles, in the quarter-finals, which was arguably the finest result in any of the tennis events at Stone Mountain. Fernandez fell short in a bid for her fourth medal.

In a 57-minute first set, Fernandez had a set point at 5-3 and another in the tiebreaker at 6-5, but Novotna came back and closed out the set with a pair of winners from the baseline. The Czech then broke the American's serve in the second set to lead 5-4, and, on match point, Fernandez netted a forehand.

Novotna and Fernandez will meet again today in the final of the women's doubles. Fernandez and Gigi Fernandez take on Novotna and Helena Sukova with a gold medal at stake.

Andre Agassi clinched at least a silver for the United States when he beat Leander Paes, of India, 7-6, 6-3. Agassi faces Sergi Bruguera, of Spain, in the men's final today, after the Spaniard beat Fernando Meligeni, of Brazil, 7-6, 6-2. "It would be unbelievable to win a gold medal," Agassi, the No 1 seed, said.

THURSDAY'S LATE RESULTS FROM ATLANTA

Archery

Men's individual

QUARTER-FINALS: J Huish (US) bt M Frangilli (It) on tiebreak at 112-112; P Vermeiren (Bel) bt L Torres (Fr) 111-108; Oh Kyo-moon (S Kor) bt Kim Bo-ram (S Kor) 114-113; M Petersson (Swe) bt Jang Yong-ho (S Kor) 111-108

SEMI-FINALS: Huish bt Vermeiren 112-103; Petersson bt Oh Kyo-moon 112-109.

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Oh Kyo-moon (S Kor) bt Vermeiren 115-110

FINAL: J Huish (US) bt M Petersson (Swe) 112-107

Athletics

Men's 200 metres

SEMI-FINALS (first four in each heat to final): Heat one: 1, M Johnson (US) 20.27sec; 2, I Garcia (Cuba) 20.34; 3, J Williams (US) 20.39; 4, P Stevens (Bel) 20.48; 5, F Obikwelu (Nigeria) 20.56; 6, J Regis (GB) 20.58; 7, E Tuffuor (Ghana) 20.61; 8, N de Silva (Trin) 21.26. Heat two: 1, F Fredericks (Nam) 19.98; 2, A Boldon (Trin) 20.05; 3, M Marsh (US) 20.26; 4, O Thompson (Barbados) 20.32; 5, S Brimacombe (Aus) 20.38; 6, K Ito (Japan) 20.45; 7, S Insakovs (Lat) 20.48; 8, G Moen (Nor) 20.98.

FINAL: 1, M Johnson (US) 19.32 (world record); 2, F Fredericks (Nam) 19.68; 3, A Boldon (Trin) 19.80; 4, Thompson 20.14; 5, Williams 20.17; 6, Garcia 20.21; 7, Stevens 20.27; 8, Marsh 20.48.

Men's 1,500 metres

SEMI-FINALS (first five in each heat and two fastest losers to final): Qualifiers: Heat one: 1, N Morceli (Alg) 3min 32.88sec; 2, F Cacho (Sp) 3:33.12; 3, A Bile (Som) 3:33.30; 4, W Tanui (Ken) 3:33.57; 5, L Rotich (Ken) 3:33.73; 6, D Meszouzi (Mor) 3:34.35; 7, J Mayock (GB) 3:34.55; 12, N Bruton (Ire) 3:42.88 (non-qualifier). Heat two: 1, H El Guerrouj (Mor) 3:35.29; 2, S Kipkorir (Ken) 3:35.53; 3, A Hakimi (Tun) 3:35.91; 4, M Suleiman (Qatar) 3:36.01; 5, M Koers (Hol) 3:36.06; 7, A Whiteman (GB) 3:36.11 (non-qualifier); 12, K McKay (GB) 3:43.61 (non-qualifier).

Men's 5,000 metres

SEMI-FINALS (first six in each heat and three fastest losers to final): Qualifiers: Heat one: 1, S Korora (Ken) 13min 27.50sec; 2, P Bitok (Ken) 13:27.61; 3, B Lahlafi (Mor) 13:27.73; 4, B Kennedy (US) 13:27.90; 5, G Di Napoli (It) 13:28.80; 6, K Boulami (Mor) 13:29.72; 7, F Bayissa (Eth) 13:30.88; 8, R Benzine (Alg) 13:37.52; 9, S Franke (Ger) 13:40.94. Heat two: 1, T Nyariki (Ken) 14:03.21; 2, V Nyongabo (Burundi) 14:03.48; 3, D Baumann (Ger) 14:03.75; 4, E Molina (Sp) 14:04.08; 5, S Sghir (Mor) 14:04.23; 6, A Belaout (Alg) 14:04.56; 9, J Nuttall (GB) 14:08.39 (non-qualifier); 10, C Finnerty (Ire) 14:08.88 (non-qualifier)

Men's 400 metres hurdles

FINAL: 1, D Adkins (US) 47.54sec; 2, S Matete (Zam) 47.78; 3, C Davis (US) 47.96; 4, S Nylander (Swe) 47.98; 5, R Robinson (Aus) 48.30; 6, F Mori (It) 48.41; 7, E Texeira (Br) 48.57; 8, E de Araujo (Br) 48.78.

Men's decathlon

FINAL POSITIONS: 1, D O'Brien (US: 10.50sec, 7.57m, 15.66m, 2.07m, 46.82sec; 13.87sec, 48.78m, 5.00m, 66.90m, 4min 45.89sec) 8,824; 2, F Busemann (Ger: 10.60, 8.07, 13.60, 2.04, 48.34; 13.47, 45.04, 4.80, 66.86, 4:31.41) 8,706; 3, T Dvorak (Cz: 10.64, 7.60, 15.82, 1.98, 48.29; 13.79, 46.28, 4.70, 70.16, 4:31.25) 8,664; 4, S Fritz (US) 8,644; 5, E Hamalainen (Belo) 8,613; 6, E Nool (Est) 8,543; 7, R Zmelik (Cz) 8,422; 8, R Ganiyev (Uzb) 8,318; 9, A Penalver (Sp) 8,307; 10, C Huffins (US) 8,300

Women's 200 metres

SEMI-FINALS (first four in each heat to final): Heat one: 1, M-J Perec (Fr) 22.07sec; 2, M Onyali (Nigeria) 22.16; 3, J Cuthbert (Jam) 22.24; 4, I Miller (US) 22.33; 5, D Young (US) 22.49; 6, C Freeman (Aus) 22.78; 7, N Safronnikova (Belo) 22.98; I Privalova (Rus) did not start. Heat two: 1, M Ottey (Jam) 22.08; 2, G Malchugina (Rus) 22.35; 3, C Sturrup (Bahamas) 22.54; 4, C Guidry (US) 22.56; 5, M Gainsford-Taylor (Aus) 22.76; 6, M Paschke (Ger) 22.81; 7, A Bikar (Slovenia) 22.82; 8, K Koffa (Gr) 23.20

FINAL: 1, M-J Perec (Fr) 22.12sec; 2, M Ottey (Jam) 22.24; 3, M Onyali (Nigeria) 22.38; 4, Miller 22.41; 5, Malchugina 22.45; 6, Sturrup 22.54; 7, Cuthbert 22.60; 8, Guidry 22.61

Women's 1,500 metres

SEMI-FINALS (first five in each heat and two fastest losers to final): Qualifiers: Heat one: 1, T Kiesl (Austria) 4min 09.44sec; 2, G Szabo (Rom) 4:09.83; 3, S Masterkova (Rus) 4:10.35; 4, M Rydz (Pol) 4:10.77; 5, G Griffiths (SA) 4:11.12; 9, S Delahunty (Ire) 4:12.52 (non-qualifier). Heat two: 1, K Holmes (GB) 4:05.88; 2, R Jacobs (US) 4:06.13; 3, M Crowley (Aus) 4:06.21; 4, L Pelis (Can) 4:06.28; 5, C Sacramento (Por) 4:06.70; 6, L Borisova (Rus) 4:06.89; 7, A Brzezinska (Pol) 4:07.17; N Mugo (Ken) finished eleventh in 4:20.01 after being brought down and has been reinstated for final.

Baseball

Semi-finals

Cuba 8, Nicaragua 1; Japan 11 United States 2

Basketball

Men's semi-finals

Yugoslavia 66 Lithuania 58; United States 101 Australia 73

Women

CLASSIFICATION ROUND: Fifth to eighth place: Russia 80 Japan 69; Cuba 78 Italy 70

Boxing

Light-flyweight

SEMI-FINALS: D Bojilov (Bul) bt O Kiryukhin (Ukr) pts; M Velasco (Phil) bt R Lozano (Sp) pts

Lightweight

SEMI-FINALS: T Tontchev (Bul) bt T Cauthen (US) pts; H Soltani (Alg) bt L Doroftei (Rom) pts

Bantamweight

SEMI-FINALS: I Kovacs (Hun) bt V Khadpo (Thai) pts, A Mesa (Cuba) bt R Malakhbekov (Rus) pts.

Welterweight

SEMI-FINALS: J Hernandez (Cuba) bt M Simion (Rom) pts, O Saitov (Rus) bt D Santos (P Rico) pts

Middleweight

SEMI-FINALS: M Beyleroglu (Tur) bt M Bahari (Alg) pts; A Hernandez (Cuba) bt R Wells (US) pts.

Heavyweight

SEMI-FINALS: D Defiagbon (Can) bt N Jones (US) pts; F Savon (Cuba) w o L Krasniqi (Ger) scr.

Diving

Men's 10-metre platform

QUALIFYING (leading 18 to semi-final): Qualifiers: 1, D Sautin (Rus) 452.82pts; 2, Xiao Hailiang (China) 445.38; 3, Tian Liang (China); 425.73; 4, V Timoshinin (Rus) 425.43; 5, P Jeffrey (US) 406.74; 6, D Pichler (US) 394.59; 7, J Hempel (Ger) 394.17; 8, F Platas (Mex) 392.31; 9, K Terauchi (Japan) 381.51; 10, S Koudrevitch (Belo) 375.90; 11, M Kühne (Ger) 375.27; 12, R Frece (Austria) 373.41; 13, Choe Hyong-gil (N Kor) 353.40; 14, J Sjodin (Swe) 352.74; 15, A Kvotchinski (Belo) 349.14; 16, D Akhmetbekov (Kaz) 348.62; 17, R Morgan (GB) 343.20; 18, L Taylor (GB) 341.70

Equestrianism

Team showjumping

FINAL POSITIONS: 1, Germany (U Kirchhoff, L Nieberg, F Sloothaak, L Beerbaum) 1.75 penalties; 2, United States (A Kursinski, M Matz, P Leone, L Burr-Howard) 12.00; 3, Brazil (R Pessoa, A Johannpeter, L Felipe Azevedo, A Miranda Neto) 17.25; 4, France 20.25; 5, Spain 29.75; 6, Switzerland 32.00; 7, Holland 32.25; 8, Ireland (E Macken, P Charles, D Gardiner, J Chesney) 34.50; 9, Italy 36.00; 10, Sweden 38.75; 11, Austria 40.00; 12, Great Britain (G Billington, N Skelton, J Whitaker, M Whitaker) 40.00.

Individual showjumping

LEADING QUALIFIERS FOR FINAL: 1, L Beerbaum (Ger), Ratina, 0.25 penalties; 2, R Pessoa (Br), Tomboy, 2.00; 3, L Philippaerts (Bel), King Darco, 4.00; 4, J Tops (Hol), Top Gun, 4.25; 5, U Kirchhoff (Ger), Jus De Pommes, 5.50; 6, A Kursinski (US), Eros, 8.00; 12, G Billington (GB), It's Otto, 12.25; 27, P Charles (Ire), Beneton, 17.75; 35, J Chesney (Ire), Diamond Exchange, 20.50; 37, E Macken (Ire), Schalkhaer, 22.00; 38, J Whitaker (GB), Welham, 22.50; 43, N Skelton (GB), Show Time, 24.00. Non-qualifiers: 55, M Whitaker (GB), Two Step, 50.25; 66, D Gardiner (Ire), Arthos, 52.50

Football

Women

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Norway 2 Brazil 0.

FINAL: United States 2 China 1

Handball

Women

CLASSIFICATION MATCHES: For seventh place: Angola 24 United States 23. For fifth place: China 28 Germany 26.

SEMI-FINALS: Denmark 23 Norway 19; South Korea 39 Hungary 25.

Gymnastics

Group rhythmic

PRELIMINARY ROUND (leading six teams to final): 1, Bulgaria (I Taleva, V Kevlian, V Vatachka, M Koleva, M Tabakova, I Deltcheva) 39.916pts; 2, Spain (N Cabanillas, E Gimenez, E Martinez, T Lemarca, L Gurendez, M Baldo) 38.966; 3, Russia (E Botchkareva, O Chtyrenko, I Ivanova, E Krivochei, A Iouchkova, I Dzioubа) 38.882; 4, Belorussia (N Boudilo, O Jdanovitch, A Pohodina, S Louzanova, O Demskaia, G Malachenko) 38.433; 5, France (C Camboulives, S Didone, C Chimot, F Lehon, A Grosclaude, N Mimoun) 38.233; 6, China (Ni Zheng, Li Zhong, Yingying Cai, Ting Huang, Ying Huang) 38.132; 7, Italy 38.016; 8, Germany 37.882; 9, United States 36.633.

Hockey

Women

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Holland 0 Great Britain 0 (Holland won 4-3 on penalty shots).

FINAL: Australia 3 South Korea 1

Table tennis

Men's singles

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: J Rosskopf (Ger) bt P Korbel (Cz) 21-17, 19-21, 21-18, 21-19.

FINAL: Liu Guoliang (China) bt Wang Tao (China) 21-12, 22-24, 21-19, 15-21, 21-5.

Tennis

Men's singles

SEMI-FINALS: S Bruguera (Sp) bt F Meligeni (Br) 7-6, 6-2; A Agassi (US) L Paes (India) 7-6, 6-3

Men's doubles

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: M Göllner and D Prinosil (Ger) bt J Eltingh and D Haarhuis (Hol) 6-2, 7-5

Women's doubles

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: C Martinez and A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt M Bollegraf and B Schultz-McCarthy (Hol) 6-1, 6-3

Volleyball

Women's play-offs

SEVENTH PLACE: United States bt Germany 17-16, 15-6, 5-15, 15-6.

FIFTH PLACE: Holland bt South Korea 15-9, 15-9, 15-13.

SEMI-FINALS: China bt Russia 12-15, 15-8, 15-8, 15-12; Cuba bt Brazil 5-15, 15-8, 10-15, 15-13, 15-12

Wrestling

Freestyle, over 100kg

CONSOLATION BOUTS: A Singh (GB) bt R Kranz (Guat) pts, M Valiyev (Ukr) bt Singh pts.

Yachting

Men's 470

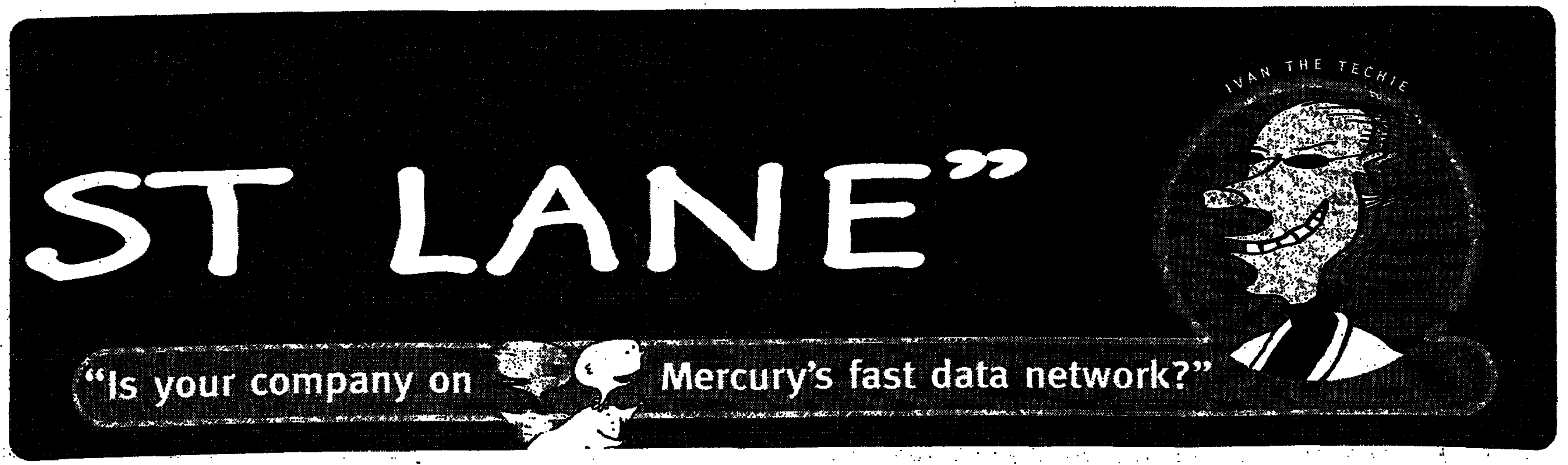
FINAL POSITIONS: 1, Ukraine (Y Braslavets and I Matvyenko) 40pts; 2, Great Britain (J Merricks and I Walker) 61; 3, Portugal (V Rocha and N Barreto) 62; 4, Finland 65; 5, Russia 67; 6, France 72.

Soling

SEMI-FINAL MATCH RACES (best of five races): Germany lead Great Britain 2-0; Russia lead United States 2-0; racing abandoned because of thunderstorms.

Women's 470

FINAL POSITIONS: 1, Spain (T Zabell and B Via Dufresne) 25pts; 2, Japan (Y Shige and A Kinoshita) 36; 3, Ukraine (R Taran and O Pakholchik) 38; 4, United States 47; 5, Germany 49; 6, Denmark 56; 11, Great Britain (S Carr and B Raggatt) 89; 1, Ireland (L Cole and D Lyttle) 95.



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Impossible feat made ridiculously easy

SIMON BARNES

Atlanta sketch

He runs like Groucho Marx chasing a waitress. The same long, parodic strut, feet low to the floor, body and head high and still. It looks ridiculous. It looks *impossible*. Professor Wagstaff, or Dr Hackenabush, going for Olympic gold. Where's the cigar?

Aeronautical engineers have proved decisively that bumblebees cannot fly: it should not take too long for students of human motor performance to prove conclusively that Michael Johnson cannot run.

There are some runners — Sebastian Coe was one example — who seem not to touch the track as they run, instead to float just the tiniest fraction above it. Johnson is the opposite. He seems never to lose contact with the track, scraping the soles of his golden shoes along its surface.

It is astonishing to watch. He hardly bothers to lift his knees at all. The body is carried not so much straight as inclined backwards. In outline, he looks like a flying wedge: the shape of the sports car known as the TR7. Sports car enthusiasts will tell you that there was nothing wrong with the TR7 other than the fact that it looked ridiculous and it was not terribly fast.

Johnson is only halfway to being the TR7 of the track. He looks ridiculous all right, but he is seriously fast. "I knew, coming off the curve — you can always tell, coming off the curve to the straight — I knew that I was running faster than I had ever run in my life," he said.

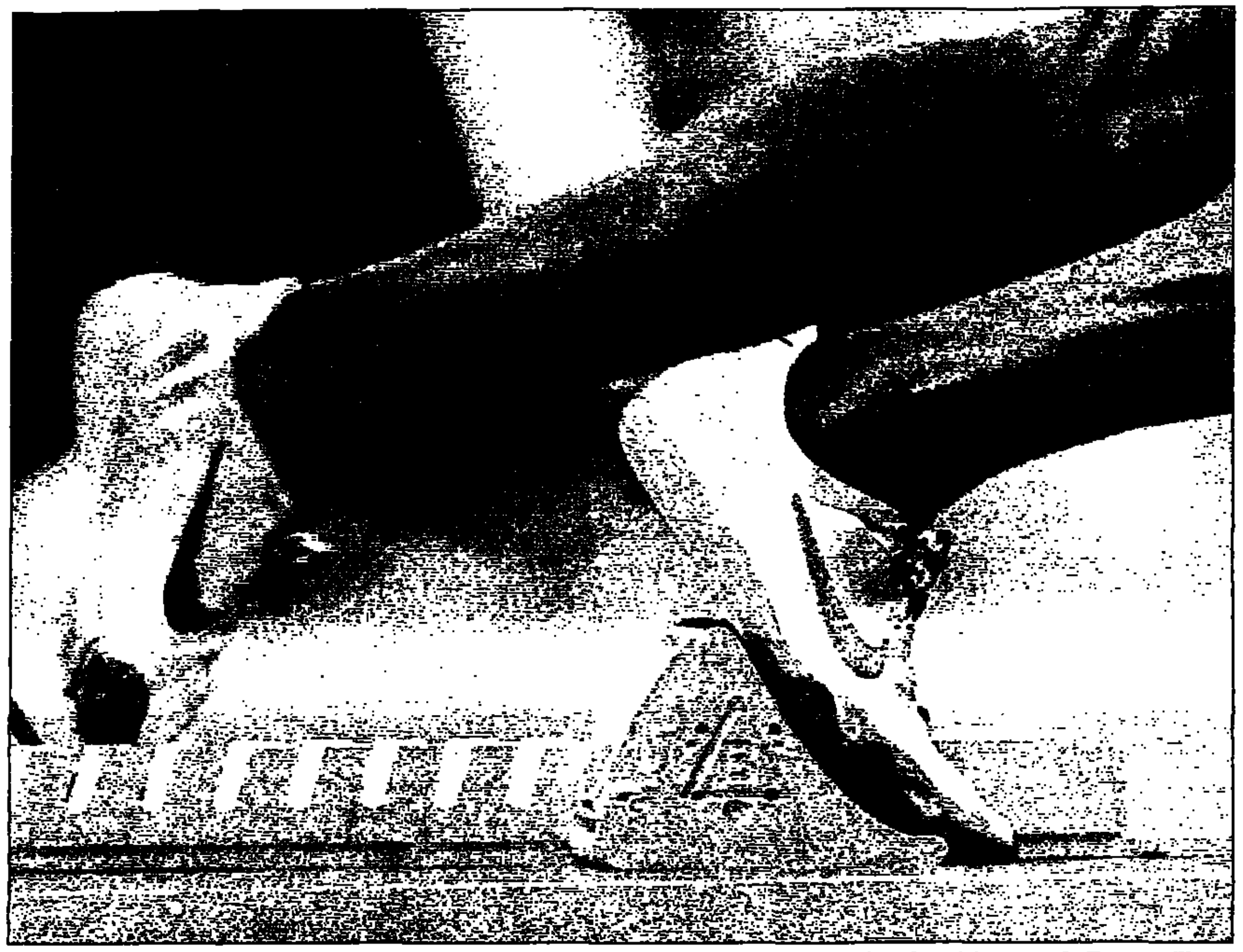
Johnson was the man for whom they had changed the Olympic schedule, which is quite a load to carry in itself. He had already won the 400 metres; this was the second half of an unprecedented double, the 200 metres. To say he won seems a supreme irrelevance now.

His main rivals, Frankie Fredericks, of Namibia, and Ato Boldon, of Trinidad, ran phenomenally fast, yet they were blown away. Johnson also set a new world record, but that, too, seems a ridiculous understatement.

For the record, too, was blown away: annihilated. This was a Beamonesque leap into the realm of the impossible. You simply do not improve world records by such a distance. The old record, set by Johnson himself just six weeks ago in the United States Olympic trials, was 19.66sec, fast enough in all conscience. Johnson improved this to 19.32sec, more than three-tenths of a second.

If his rivals ran phenomenally fast, Johnson ran *impossibly* fast, leaning backwards, golden shoes skating over the surface. Humans have been running about the earth for countless thousands of years: now, in the closing years of the 20th century, comes a man who has invented a new way of running.

Children, don't you try this at home. Five metres from the end, Johnson felt his hamstring begin to go, as if the human body was really not supposed to go so fast, and was on the brink of exploding. After all, he ran the second 100 metres in 9.20sec: the new world record for the 100 metres event, set a week ago here at the Olympic Games by Donovan Bailey, is 9.84sec, slower because it does not have a flying start.



The golden spikes that swept Johnson to an unprecedented double and that astonishing time. Photograph: Doug Mills

The TR7 was really motoring. "All respect to my friend Donovan," Boldon said afterwards, "but this man here really *is* the fastest man in the world."

Well, he could have gone faster. "I stumbled out of the blocks, and it cost me a good few hundredths of a second," Johnson said. "I've got into the habit of popping up too quick, and not using my arms. I stumbled about the fourth step."

No satisfying some people. But he seemed to find his stride all right; if he learns to start properly and avoids hamstring twinges at the finish, he really might be quite swift one day.

He was in seraphic form afterwards. After the 400 metres, the job half done, he was still tense and wary. But now he has disposed of a huge burden. "There's never been so much pressure on me my entire life," he said frankly.

"I was afraid I wouldn't get that medal. But for me, being afraid is OK. I like to be afraid. I like to be nervous. And I ran like I was nervous."

These running races are all about the drama of the hunter and the hunted, but it is hard to know which category to put Johnson in. He intimidated from the front, a cheetah running away from a herd of gazelles and leaving them in a state of helpless terror.

It was a majestic performance, a perfect demonstration of the pleasures that sport can bring. Certainly, such moments make one forget one's irritations at the pathetic organisation of these Games.

They also add an important footnote to the sadness of the bombing of Centennial Park. Sport is trivial, and it is not worth anybody's death. But Johnson's night, like all the rare and impossible nights of sport, are about the lifting of the human spirit. We who were there were enriched.

Des one-liners worth their weight in gold

MATTHEW BOND ON THE TELEVISION MARATHON

David Coleman has never been a commentator to use one convoluted superlative where a hundred would do. Michael Johnson was not human … Michael Johnson was not of this planet … Michael Johnson was almost certainly a god. Amid this torrent of hyperbole, however, there were inevitably one or two statements that proved irrefutable. Michael Johnson was from Texas … Michael Johnson has just provided one of the great moments in Olympic sport. Back to you in the studio, Des.

Ah, Des. It is moments such as these that bring out the genius in Des Lynam. Where Coleman favours the scattergun approach, Lynam gets there in one. He paused for a well-judged moment of silence and simply said: "You stayed up late tonight. You made the right decision." We had, we did … we were there.

This was what doing the Atlanta Games the hard way, the live way, the late way was all about. The night that Johnson ran fast *all* the way is what the Centennial Olympics will be remembered for and we had seen it happen. "Beamonesque" was how Paul Dickenson described Inessa Kravets's triple jump, the second longest ever, on Wednesday night. Nonsense — this was Beamonesque.

Thursday night was a cracking night for the BBC athletics team. We had Johnson, we had Kelly Holmes winning her 1,500 metres semi-final and we had Marie-José Pérec creating her own, somewhat over-looked, moment of history in the 200 metres. I woke up in the morning half expecting to hear that she had been banned for the use of illegally long legs.

Helped by a well-spaced stadium schedule, this was the night that Daley Thompson and David Moorcroft got the opportunity to shine. Brendan Foster also had a busy night, combining his dual role as commentator and track-side interviewer. His interview technique has improved immeasurably in the past few days and, while the speed with which he gathered up first Johnson, then his parents and then his coach was impressive, even more so was the fact that he didn't ask one of them, "how do you feel?"

Night 14 of our marathon, was the first to begin without Lynam but, when he popped up, true devotees of live Olympic sport were on BBC2 for the bronze medal play-off for women's hockey between Great Britain and Holland. Was it really less then a fortnight since Lynam had leant forward conspiratorially and asked: "Short corners, long corners — do you know about that sort of thing?" I shook my head, but, after one of those helpful *Olympic Grandstand* guides and four live games in the first three days, I had almost got the hang of it.

Nigel Starmer-Smith has proved a pleasant enough guide, but, as my meagre knowledge grew, I got the distinct impression that his was only a couple of steps ahead. He had mastered the basics, but seemed reluctant or unable to explain specific umpiring decisions. He was also getting pulled up rather too often for comfort by his colleague and resident expert, Cathy Harris.

Late in the second half, Starmer-Smith celebrated a Britain goal from a short corner for a good 15 seconds before Harris whispered in his ear. It was too high. "Something of an anti-climactic moment," our ever-resourceful commentator said. "I guess we were willing it home a little bit too much." I guess we were forgetting the rules, but what do I know?

The game and the bronze medal were lost in a penalty shoot-out. It was Lynam, inevitably, who had the last word: "Not been our year for penalty shoot-outs, has it?"

Boardman must rise to Induráin's mighty challenge

From Peter Bryan

FEW British Olympians face a greater task than Chris Boardman. Roger Black, Iwan Thomas and company have had Michael Johnson to contend with on the track, the swimmers an assortment of untouchables such as Kristina Egerszegi, Alexander Popov and Kieren Perkins. Boardman, however, has Miguel Induráin, five times the winner of the Tour de France and almost certainly the greatest time-triallist cycling has ever seen.

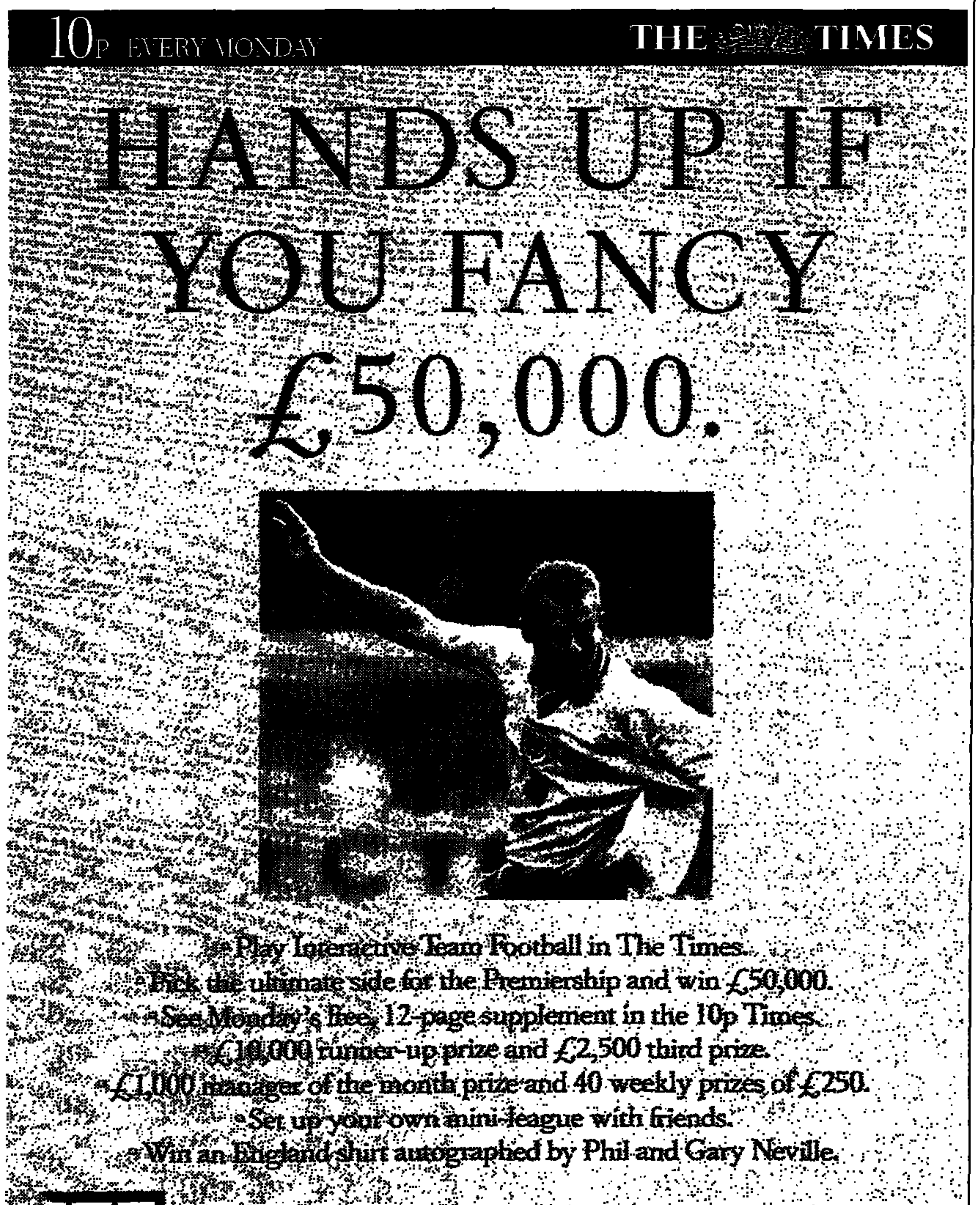
If the Briton is to repeat his golden performance in Barcelona four years ago, when he dominated the 4,000 metres pursuit on the track, then Induráin has to be overcome on the road today.

The inaugural Olympic 52-kilometre individual cycling time-trial will be held over a 13-kilometre circuit at Buckhead, north of Atlanta. It is a rolling course, winding through affluent suburbs, and Induráin has ridden it once already this week, when he made little effort in Wednesday's road race.

Boardman, though selected for that event, opted for a day off to conserve his energies for this race — and he does have a good chance of a medal, perhaps even gold. He is seeded No 4, has won a time-trial prologue in the Tour and, most relevantly, won the world time-trial championship in Sicily in 1994. Induráin, however, did not enter that year. He did in 1995, when Boardman was recovering from serious injuries after a crash in another Tour prologue, and won the title in Colombia. Not surprisingly, the Spaniard is seeded No 1.

Also included in a strong field of 39 are Abraham Olano, of Spain, and Uwe Peschel, of Germany, who finished second and third in the world championship last year. Evgeni Berzin, of Russia, has withdrawn, but Bjarne Riis, fresh from his Tour de France triumph — ending Induráin's five-year reign — carries Denmark's hopes.

The women's 26-kilometre event closes the cycling programme today, with Yvonne Mcgregor and Sarah Phillips representing Britain.



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FOOTBALL: COLE ADDS TO CHAMPIONS' PROBLEMS BEFORE UMBRO CUP

United face threat to Jordi signing

David Maddock on a new stumbling block to efforts to sign Dutchman

MANCHESTER United's preparations for this weekend's Umbro Cup tournament, and indeed the football season proper, were disrupted yesterday by the news that the transfer of Jordi Cruyff has again hit troubled waters.

The Holland international was due to make his debut for United against Ajax — the club where his father, Johan Cruyff, enjoyed his greatest successes — in the four-team tournament in Nottingham today, but reports from Jordi's club, Barcelona, suggested last night that the deal was in danger of collapse because of a problem with the player's medical.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, responded immediately by insisting that the suggestion was inaccurate, but he did concede that there were still problems with Jordi's contract that were holding up the proposed £1 million transfer.

"It is wrong to say that the deal is off," Ferguson said. "There is no medical problem, the lad is fine, but we are having difficulty over the contract and we are still trying to sort that out. But we do still want to sign the lad and we are doing our best to sort it out quickly. Obviously, he won't be with us for the Umbro tournament, but we are hoping he may be available for the Charity Shield."

The transfer has been dogged by difficulties from the start, with Barcelona twice pulling out of negotiations. This, however, seems a more serious threat than earlier posturings by the Spaniards.

It leaves Ferguson with difficulties for the Umbro tournamant, which pits his side against Ajax, Chelsea and Nottingham Forest.

Already he has Pallister, Butt, Giggs, Cole, Sharpe and one of his new signings, Ronnie Johnsen, the Norway defender, on the injured list, with Karel Poborsky, the Czech Republic winger, still to obtain a work permit. Cole is a particular worry, with the news yesterday that the striker has contracted pneumonia and that he will be out of action for at least five weeks.

While the crowd for the tournament will be denied the intriguing sight of Cruyff Jr playing against Ajax, they will at least see Gianluca Vialli, Chelsea's summer signing from Juventus, the European Cup-holders. Vialli has struggled with injury problems and has yet to make his debut, but Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea manager, confirmed he would be playing in today's second match, against Forest.

"Gianluca wanted to play for us against Wolves the other night, but I thought it was a little bit too early," Gullit said. "He has worked his way back from a few muscle strains and he looks very good now, so he'll definitely take some part."

Spectators at the Umbro Cup will be treated to many of the leading figures of Euro 96 earlier in the summer, including Nikola Jerkan, of Croatia, who will make his debut for Forest. The winners of today's two matches at the City Ground will contest the final tomorrow.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

Today

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, third day of four, 104 overs minimum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
CANTERBURY: Kent v Worcestershire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Essex
WORKSOP: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan
TAUNTON: Somerset v Hampshire
EASTBOURNE: Sussex v Yorkshire

Tetley Challenge Series
11.0, first day of three
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Pakistanis

Tour match
11.0 third day of four
THE OVAL: Surrey v South Africa A

DERMOT REEVE BENEFIT MATCH: Edgbaston (one day). Warwickshire v World XI

FIRST UNDER-19 INTERNATIONAL MATCH (third day of four) Old Trafford: England v New Zealand.

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

Scottish Coca-Cola Cup First round
Albion v Arbroath
Ayr v Livingston
Brechin v Montrose
Clyde v Inverness Caledonian Thistle
Cowdenbeath v Forfar
East Stirling v Alloa
Queen's Park v Ross County
Stranraer v Queen of South

Umbro Cup
Manchester Utd v Ajax (at City Ground, Nottingham, 1.0)
Chelsea v Nottingham Forest (at City Ground, Nottingham, 3.30)

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Billericay v Cambridge United, Bromsgrove v Walsall, Cardiff v Wolverhampton, Celtic v Sporting Lisbon, Gateshead v Carlisle: Gloucester City v Wimbledon, Hitchin v West Ham United, Hyde United v Bury, Larne v Darlington, Leyton Orient v Queens Park Rangers, Rushden and Diamonds v Oxford United, St Albans City v Luton: Stevenage v Arsenal: Swansea v Bristol City, Woking v Wycombe, Worksop v Scarborough: York v Bolton, Carshalton v Tottenham XI; Holywell v Chester, Leek v Tranmere, Kilmarnock v Millwall (2.0), Stockport v Birmingham, Harrogate v Hull

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Super League
Sheffield Eagles v Wigan (at Bramall Lane, 6.30)

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Women's world outdoor championship (Leamington Spa). County Championship finals: Essex (at Loughton, 2.30): Kent (at Hartley CC, 2.0), Huntingdonshire (at Belvedere, 2.30)

CYCLING: St Ives (10 miles, Alconbury, 6.0)

GOLF: English Amateur Championship (at Hollinwell), J and B Scottish Amateur Championship (Dunbar)

MOTOR RALLYING: Mobil/Top Gear RAC British Championship. Ulster international rally (Belfast)

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Bradford v Scottish Monarchs (7.30), Cradley Heath and Stoke v Hull (at Stoke, 7.30). Challenge: Swindon v Oxford (7.30). Conference League: Eastbourne v Ryde (7.30)

Tomorrow

CRICKET

AXA Equity & Law League
2.0, 40 overs
DERBY: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Essex
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan
TAUNTON: Somerset v Hampshire
EASTBOURNE: Sussex v Yorkshire
2.10, 40 overs
CANTERBURY: Kent v Worcestershire

Tetley Challenge Series
11.0, second day of three
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Pakistanis

Tour match
11.0 final day of four
THE OVAL: Surrey v South Africa A

FIRST UNDER-19 INTERNATIONAL MATCH (final day of four) Old Trafford: England v New Zealand

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two) Chester Boughton Hall: Cheshire v Wales. Camborne: Cornwall v Wiltshire. Exmouth: Devon v Shropshire. Dean Park, Bournemouth: Dorset v Oxfordshire

CRICKETER CUP: Final: Uppingham Rovers v Bradfield Waifs (Bank of England ground, 11.15)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

Stones Super League
Halifax Blue Sox v Paris Saint-Germain
Leeds v Bradford Bulls
London Broncos v Warrington
Workington v Oldham Bears (6.0)

First division
Dewsbury v Salford Reds (3.30)
Huddersfield G v Featherstone (6.30)
Keighley Cougars v Wakefield (3.30)
Rochdale v Hull
Widnes v Batley Bulldogs

Second division
Carlisle v Swinton Lions
Doncaster Dragons v Hunslet Hawks
Leigh Centurions v Chorley Magpies
Prescot Panthers v Bramley
South Wales v York (at Cardiff Arms Park, 6.0)

FOOTBALL

Umbro Cup
THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF (at City Ground, Nottingham, 1.0)
FINAL (at City Ground, Nottingham, 3.30)

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Athlone v Tranmere (5.30). Dundalk v Liverpool (3.0). Finn Harps v Darlington (3.0). Galway v Sunderland (6.0): Peterborough v Leicester (3.0)

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Women's world outdoor championship (Leamington Spa). County Championship finals (2.30): Berkshire (at Maidenhead), Hertfordshire (at Hatfield)
CYCLING: Southend and County (50 miles, Hatfield Peverel, 5.30am)
MOTORCYCLING: World Superbike championship (at Brands Hatch)

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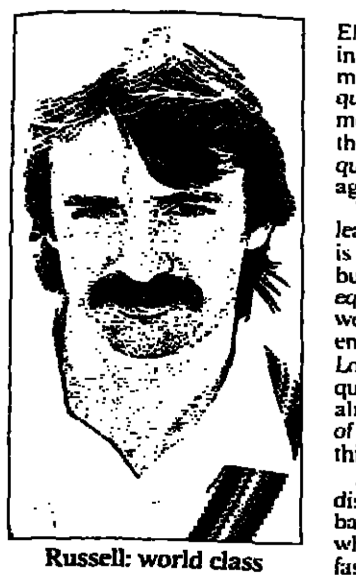
Russell may fall foul of England's balancing act

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, on the dilemma facing the selectors before the Headingley Test


Russell: world class

ENGLAND'S first defeat of the international summer was not so much a shock as a sobering reacquaintance with the facts. New, modern management has improved the approach of the team but the quality remains shallow when set against the best in the world.

Three Tests against Pakistan will leave the public wanting more, such is the attraction of the opposition, but unless England concoct an equalising win at Headingley next week, they may not fully share the enthusiasm. They were outplayed at Lord's and the need to strike back quickly in this short series will lead, almost inevitably, to a restructuring of the side when the selectors meet this evening.

Among the options to come under discussion will be six specialist batsmen and an all-seam attack on what England hope will be an old-fashioned Leeds pitch. But nobody will await the announcement tomorrow with more trepidation than Jack Russell, yet again the potential sufferer for the deficiencies of others.

It is the wish of certain selectors, including the chairman, Raymond Illingworth, to have the best of both worlds, with six batsmen and five bowlers. The only solution, it will be said, is that one of the batsmen, obviously Alec Stewart, must keep wicket.

The frequency with which this theory is propounded, and its intimate relationship with the particular problems of Headingley, is staggering. Stewart has kept wicket in three of the past four Leeds Tests, including the heavy defeat by West Indies last June, when Illingworth, in overall charge for the first time, pursued the same theory that will head tonight's agenda.

As ever, the crux of the problem is the absence of a genuine batting all-rounder, one capable of regular, substantial scores at No 6. Mark Ealham comes close, but not close enough when the bowling is of the inspirational Pakistani kind that can sweep away wickets like autumn leaves, and he may miss out here. Ronnie Irani, Craig White and Chris Lewis have all been tried but none bat well enough to justify a top six position against Waqar, Wasim and Mushtaq.

So the likelihood is that Russell, one of the few world-class players at England's disposal, will be sacrificed again, giving a recall to John Crawley, in place of the disorientated Graeme Hick, in a batting order that should be reinforced by the return from injury of Nasser Hussain at No 3.

It is easy to see the logic of the wicketkeeping argument on this occasion, although there is an alternative structure of at least equal merit. If conditions at Headingley match up to England's ideal, there is likely to be little or no work for a spin bowler. My preference, therefore, would be to retain Russell in the team at No 7, followed by four seam bowlers.

Illingworth went to Headingley on Wednesday, when doubtless he had a word in the groundsman's ear to the effect that his mower should stay in its hut for the time being. Michael Atherton, the captain, certainly believes England's best chance of beating Pakistan lies with a pitch conducive to seam and one can imagine his fury if he arrives next week to find, as Gooch did when captain there in 1993, something far more suitable to the opposition.

That possibility must be covered with the inclusion of a spinner in the party and Ian Salisbury bowled well enough at Lord's, with little luck, to be guaranteed that place. Lewis is proving his recovery from groin trouble in Surrey's match against South Africa A and will surely return, not least for his value in extending the batting, but there is also a crying need for another bowler of penetration after a Test in which England's bowling looked depressingly blunt.

This item on the selectors' agenda will revolve around two men, Darren Gough and Andy Caddick, and, unless the selectors harshly discard Simon Brown after one inconclusive game, there is room in the squad for only one of them. When they met in a championship fixture at Scarborough last week, Caddick was easily the more impressive; his shin problems finally behind him, he is back to the form that earned him eight caps and a place on the last tour of West Indies.

But even Caddick would be surprised to gain instant promotion over Gough, and it would not strictly make sense. Inconsistent though he is, Gough's late swing is the closest English approximation to Waqar Younis. He is happy with his game now, after a period of self-doubt, and he has been kept waiting long enough.

My XIII would be: Atherton, Knight, Hussain, Thorpe, Stewart, Crawley, Russell, Lewis, Cork, Gough, Mullally, Brown, Salisbury.

CRICKET

Yorkshire look to bowlers to finish job

By Simon Wilde

EASTBOURNE (second day of four): Sussex, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 219 runs to beat Yorkshire

AS THEIR controversial request for a sporting pitch at Scarborough last week indicated, Yorkshire can ill afford a stalemate at this critical stage of their pursuit of a first championship title for 28 years. They will have no worries on that score about the surface on offer for their visit to the Saffrons: it is sporting enough to ensure a result, and also to escape censure in the umpires' report, after an eventful day on which 18 wickets fell for 360 runs.

Yorkshire are better placed by virtue of not having to bat last but they probably had the worst of things yesterday. They dismissed Sussex for 253 by mid-afternoon — Peter Hartley following up his best performance with the bat with his best with the ball, six for 67 — to take what appeared to be a decisive first-innings lead of 92 but then struggled so badly themselves that they were all out for 133 in their second innings.

Athey and Hall, the Sussex openers, survived four overs, not without alarms, in the evening.

Only David Byas, the captain, scored more than ten for Yorkshire yesterday, his composed, unbeaten 72 from 125 balls being a fine piece of craftsmanship. Ed Giddins, who later this month faces a charge of using a prohibited drug, was Sussex's leading bowler with figures of six for 47, the best of his career.

Sussex's hopes of reaching their fourth-innings target may be slim after seeing 16 wickets fall in the last two sessions. Batting had never been simple previously, with those batsmen who prospered being the ones who had looked to play their shots, but the pitch appeared to grow livelier as the day went on.

The ball not only swung and seamed around but bounced encouragingly; perhaps both sets of bowlers finally realised what riches were on offer if they put their backs into it. Whatever the bowlers deserved, there was certainly a collective lack of application among the batsmen.

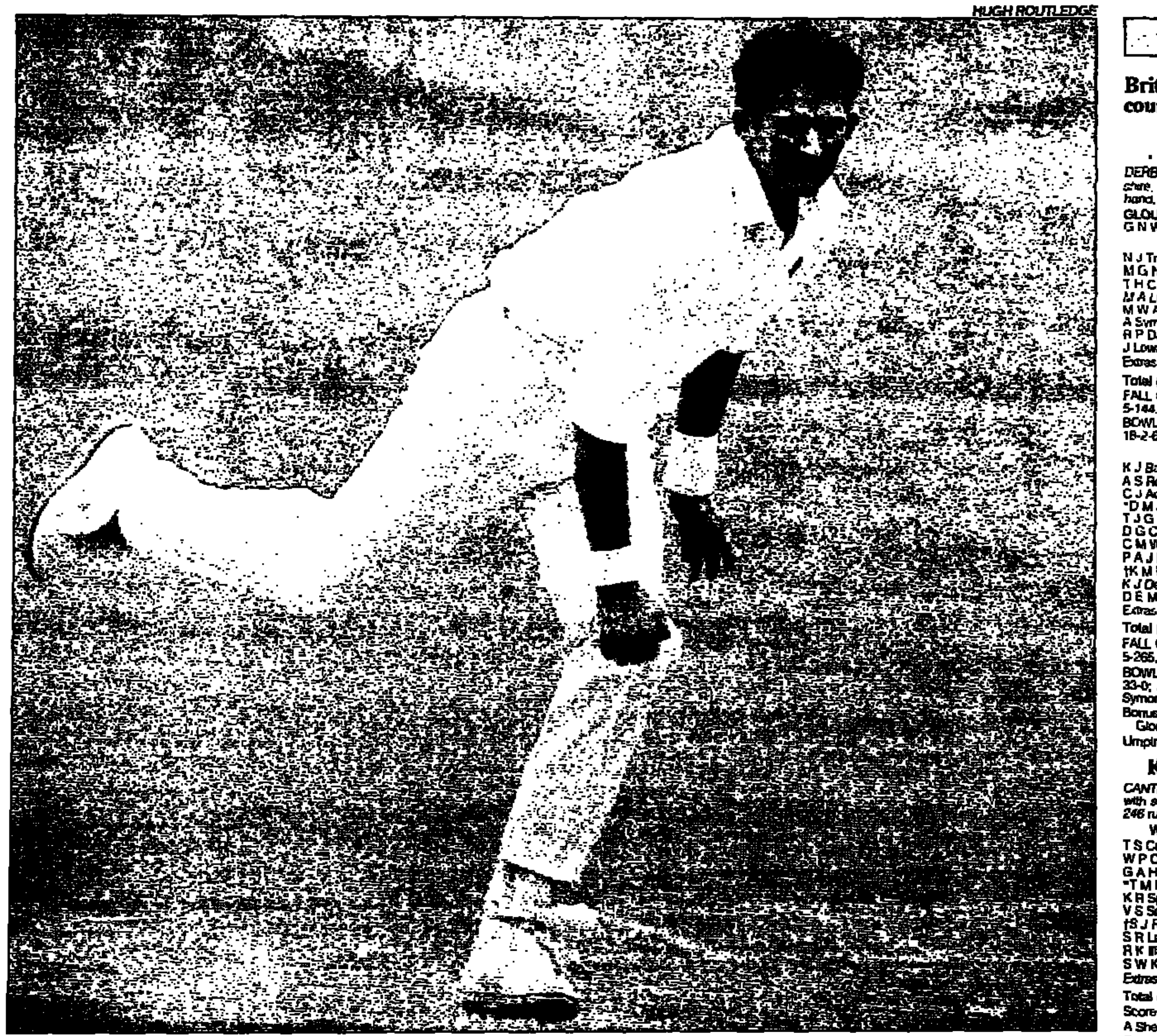
As this is a battle being fought out among two strong hands of seam bowlers, it was revealing that Gough, whose name will certainly come up when the England selectors meet this evening, was among the least successful or impressive.

He was struck for four fours by Law, whose 39 from 32 balls was one of the most assured innings after lunch, but it was Gough's dismissal of Speight, who was caught at second slip from a ball of extra bounce, that began the to-ings and fro-ings and put most of the fielders on close-catching duty for the remainder of the day.

Athey, who had added 61 to his overnight during 13 by lunch, had just reached an excellent century — his fifth against his native county — from 183 balls when he was leg-before to Hartley to begin a collapse in which Sussex's last five wickets fell in just 13 balls. Athey, who scored the first century of his first-class career — for Yorkshire — in this fixture 20 years ago, gave only one chance, on 58.

Although Giddins caused Yorkshire the most inconvenience, it was Lewry and Drakes who claimed the three wickets they lost for 36 before tea. And key wickets they were, too; those of Vaughan, Moxon and Bevan. Lewry accounted for Moxon with a fine inswinger and Drakes dispatched Vaughan, with a terrific ball that took his glove, and Bevan, to a superb "trimmer" that sent his off bail three-quarters of the way to the boundary.

After that, Yorkshire — all but their noble captain — were on the run, although White was unlucky, the ball spinning cruelly back into his stumps. Should Yorkshire win, it will be their seventh championship victory in 12 matches this season and may leave them sitting at the top of the table.


HUGH ROUTLEDGE

The spring was clearly back in Andy Caddick's step at Taunton yesterday as he reinforced his claims to a place in the England squad for the second Test match at Headingley by taking five wickets for 46 runs against Hampshire

Curran proving stubborn

By Ivo Tennant

LEICESTER (second day of four): Northamptonshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 121 runs behind Leicestershire

POSITIVE cricket these past few weeks, coupled with some fortune, has taken Leicestershire to the top of the championship table. For once, yesterday, their game was not recognisable. After removing four Northamptonshire batsmen relatively cheaply and, indeed, thinking in terms of enforcing the follow-on, they were stymied by the highest partnership of the match between Kevin Curran and Tony Penberthy.

A catch and a stumping were missed as Curran made his first century of the season and Penberthy his highest score for two years, their unbeaten partnership realising 187 runs and lasting for 57 overs. Neither did Leicestershire bowl especially well.

For a good part of the day, it was a question of whether Northamptonshire would make 273 to avoid following on. The ball was starting to turn and Leicestershire had included two spinners in Pierson and Brimson. In a sense, these two epitomise their county, for they are not cricketers of the front rank. But they are determined to succeed. Nigel Briers, who has now retired, has left quite a legacy in that respect.

Like Wells, who added only two runs to his overnight score of 202, Brimson began his career with Kent. Having done much to enable Leicestershire to go joint top of the championship table earlier this week, he took a wicket now with his arm ball in his first over, bowling Fordham.

Wells took a wicket with his very first ball, which, given what he had achieved beforehand in this match, was almost unsurprising. Loye was taken at the wicket, beaten by one that lifted.

Simmons, too, had some success. He is not reluctant to give himself a bowl and removed both Walton, who made a sound half-century, and Capel, who edged to first slip.

In the morning, Leicestershire had added a further 58 runs. Wells batted in all for 404 minutes, the highest innings of his career coming to an end when he spooned a catch to mid-on off one from Capel that stopped on him. Mullally then struck Ambrose for four consecutive fours.

It was not, though, his batting which Raymond Illingworth came to view. Alas for Mullally, he failed to take a wicket. The last, indeed, the only time that Leicestershire won the championship was when the chairman of selectors was their captain. If he saw little yesterday that would have impressed him in terms of seeking England players, at least he would have been buoyed by the developments that have gone on since his time at Grace Road.

England fail to press home advantage

By Rupert Cox

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of four): New Zealand Under-19, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 39 runs behind England Under-19

IN SPITE of this Old Trafford pitch, which has perturbed the officials of both teams through its propensity to turn extravagantly, this has been an intriguing and fluctuating contest. After a comparatively comfortable series against South Africa last summer, this series will examine the hosts' credentials more closely.

With the England Under-19 attack whittling their way through the powerful New Zealand top four, a first-innings lead appeared a formality. But, as the sun began to break through, the touring team's middle-order, in the shape of two tall, elegant, left-handers, Jacob Oram and Joseph Yovich, fought back defiantly with a stand of 104 to redress the balance.

After a steady start, Oram and Yovich set about the bowling with some aplomb, both driving powerfully to attain fluent half-centuries. Oram reached fifty from 120 balls, with five fours and a six, while Yovich's half-century contained four fours and two sixes, coming from 91 balls.

Twice David Nash, the diminutive England wicketkeeper, was struck in the face, indicating the devilry in the pitch. After the first incident, for a short time Nash donned a helmet. Alas, he was helmetless when a ball from Dean Cosker spun out of the rough, hitting him square on the left eye.

A lack of consistency among the New Zealand bowlers allowed England to post a respectable total of 263. Having resumed yesterday morning at 203 for six, the home team slumped to 226 for nine, before a spirited tenth-wicket partnership between James Ormond and Colin Campbell hauled them beyond the 250 mark.

SCORES: England under-19 263 (D J Sales 66, B C Hollioake 55); New Zealand under-19 224 for 7 (J D P Oram 59, J A Yovich 53 not out).

Kent make progress in race against time

By Jack Bailey

CANTERBURY (second day of four): Kent, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 246 runs behind Worcestershire

WORCESTERSHIRE batted until 2.40pm yesterday and amassed a large enough total to make the equation of time versus runs of vital importance if Kent's bid for the championship is to be sustained. The tempo was hectic as Kent set off on the long chase left by a Worcestershire first innings of 459.

First, David Fulton cut loose against the new ball with 28 startling runs off 20 balls before falling to Lampitt's first ball. His partner, Matthew Walker, opening the innings in his first championship match of the season, took up the cudgels, racing to 50 from 63 balls before driving Moody to backward point.

Then came Ward with 41 and, finally, Hooper, who moved sweetly past 50 from 61 balls, including two driven sixes off Moody and Sheriyar. As acting captain, Hooper was setting an example as Kent cruised at four runs an over.

Fast progress was needed for, while Kent might reasonably have expected to apply a swift *coup de grace* yesterday morning, Worcestershire, in the shape of Rhodes and Lampitt, were having none of it. Their seventh-wicket partnership realised 159 from 62 overs.

Lampitt was the more aggressive, passing 50 for only the second time this season well before his partner. Rhodes's half century took two balls longer than had Hick's century, but his was the anchor role.

The pair of them were well under way by the time Mark Ealham left the field. He had bowled well though feeling discomfort from bruised rib muscles sustained during the Lord's Test. He is expected to be fit shortly, but Kent missed his accuracy as Worcestershire moved comfortably past 450 before Moody declared.

All-round excellence from Cork

DOMINIC CORK dominated the second day of Derbyshire's match against Gloucestershire yesterday with a display of all-round excellence which England will be hoping he can reproduce at Headingley next week (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

First he batted with rare authority to score 71 from 98 balls in a fifth-wicket stand of 110 with Dean Jones before he was run out. Although the last five wickets then fell for 42, Cork quickly ensured that his side's lead of 118 would serve as a basis for victory.

He sent the Gloucestershire second innings into steep decline with a post-tea spell which brought him the wickets of Windows, Lynch and Symonds. Gloucestershire, at 156 for six, are only 38 ahead, Cork having so far taken 4-45.

Steve James led a sound Glamorgan response to Nottinghamshire's total of 371 at at Worksop. He became the first Glamorgan player to reach 1,000 runs during an unbeaten 130.

Grayson steals show after Gooch's record

By Pat Gibson

LORD'S (second day of four): Essex, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 121 runs ahead of Middlesex

PAUL GRAYSON, who was signed by Essex from Yorkshire during the winter in the hope that he would one day fill Graham Gooch's position if not his boots, upstaged the great man yesterday to give his new county every chance of enhancing their burgeoning championship challenge.

Grayson is hardly in the same class as Gooch, of course, and he did not look it in the morning when the old master was overhauling Keith Fletcher's aggregate of 29,434 runs to become the most prolific batsman in Essex history.

Once Gooch was out, however, caught at the wicket cutting at Weekes and "walking" even though he was within eight runs of his twelfth century at Lord's, Grayson seized the moment.

Having asked to be released by Yorkshire because he was frustrated by his lack of opportunities, Grayson has quickly made his mark at Essex. He improved on his previous best of 129, made against Lancashire at Chelmsford, by scoring 140 in just over six hours, hitting two sixes over the short Tavern boundary and 18 fours and revealing a sound temperament and a solid technique.

He is obviously learning a lot from batting with Gooch, who not only set the pattern for the day but was also able to cast a selectorial eye over Fraser and Tufnell, who cannot be said to have pressed their claims.

Hussain, meanwhile, showed that he has recovered from the broken finger which kept him out of the first Test at Lord's with a brisk 35 before Tufnell gained some satisfaction from bowling over the wicket into the rough by having him caught. Law failed for once, but Prichard made sure that his side did not waste their advantage with an unbeaten 67.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Gloucestershire

DERBY (second day of four): Gloucestershire, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 38 runs ahead of Derbyshire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 217 (M G N Windows 76, P A J DeFreitas 5 for 72)

Second Innings

N J Trainor b Malcolm	2
M G N Windows c Krikken b Cork	25
T H C Hancock lbw b DeFreitas	14
M A Lynch c DeFreitas b Cork	48
M W Alleyne not out	24
A Symonds c Jones b Cork	19
R P Davis c Rollins b Cork	5
J Lewis not out	2
Extras (lb 5, nb 12)	17
Total (6 wkts)	156

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-53, 3-69, 4-118, 5-144, 6-152

BOWLING: Malcolm 10-4-16-1; DeFreitas 18-2-66-1; Cork 21-6-45-4, Dean 6-2-24-0

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

K J Barnett lbw b Alleyne	65
A S Rollins c Russell b Walsh	0
C J Adams b Walsh	15
*D M Jones c Lynch b Walsh	69
T J G O'Gorman b Symonds	21
D G Cork run out	71
C M Wells c Trainor b Lewis	22
P A J DeFreitas c Davis b Lewis	13
†K M Krikken c sub b Lewis	17
K J Dean c Davis b Walsh	3
D E Malcolm not out	4
Extras (b 8, lb 11, nb 16)	35
Total (87.1 overs)	335

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-29, 3-121, 4-155, 5-265, 6-293, 7-311, 8-311, 9-331

BOWLING: Walsh 28-6-110-4, Smith 7-0-33-0; Alleyne 19-5-60-1; Lewis 21.1-6-74-3; Symonds 2-0-11-1; Davis 10-2-28-0

Bonus points: Derbyshire 7 Gloucestershire 5

Umpires: J H Harris and G Sharp

Kent v Worcestershire

CANTERBURY (second day of four): Kent, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 246 runs behind Worcestershire

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis c Fulton b McCague	6
W P C Weston c Hooper b Headley	19
G A Hick run out	148
*T M Moody c Fulton b Ealham	11
K R Spiring b Ealham	71
V S Solanki c Fulton b Patel	1
†S J Rhodes c Llong b Fleming	88
S R Lampitt c Hooper b Headley	88
R K Illingworth b Fleming	10
S W K Ellis not out	0
Extras (b 9, lb 8, nb 20)	37
Total (9 wkts dec)	459

Score at 120 overs: 375-6

A Sheriyar did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-59, 3-106, 4-266, 5-278, 6-284, 7-443, 8-459, 9-459

BOWLING: McCague 27-3-93-1, Headley 35.1-3-139-2; Ealham 23-10-39-2; Fleming 18-2-53-2; Patel 39-9-82-1, Hooper 8-1-28-0, Llong 1-0-8-0

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton lbw b Lampitt	28
M J Walker c Solanki b Moody	57
T R Ward b Lampitt	41
*C L Hooper not out	58
N J Llong not out	15
Extras (b 2, lb 1, w 1, nb 10)	14
Total (3 wkts, 55 overs)	213

M V Fleming, M A Ealham, †S C Willis, D W Headley, M J McCague and M M Patel to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-124, 3-150

BOWLING: Sheriyar 11-1-58-0; Ellis 6-0-34-0; Lampitt 14-2-55-2. Moody 11-3-37-1; Illingworth 13-2-26-0

Bonus points: Kent 3 Worcestershire 5.

Umpires: H D Bird and J W Holder

Leicestershire v Northamptonshire

LEICESTER (second day of four): Northamptonshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 121 runs behind Leicestershire

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

V J Wells c Fordham b Capel	204
D L Maddy c Ambrose b Curran	23
B F Smith c Ripley b Curran	9
A Habib c Curran b Ambrose	19
*P V Simmons b Snape	75
G I Macmillan c Ambrose b Snape	2
†P A Nixon c Fordham b Emburey	18
G J Parsons lbw b Snape	5
A R K Pierson c Penberthy b Snape	16
A D Mullally c Loye b Curran	29
M T Brimson not out	2
Extras (b 1, lb 14, w 1, nb 4)	20
Total	422

Score at 120 overs: 410-9.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-96, 3-137, 4-289, 5-291, 6-348, 7-361, 8-371, 9-408.

BOWLING: Ambrose 22-6-59-1; Taylor 15-1-66-0; Curran 16-2-75-3; Capel 18-3-58-1; Emburey 24-5-58-1, Penberthy 14-3-33-0, Walton 3-0-16-0. Snape 12.1-0-42-4

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

*A Fordham b Brimson	9
M B Loye c Nixon b Wells	4
T C Walton c Nixon b Simmons	51
D J Capel c Parsons b Simmons	29
K M Curran not out	110
A L Penberthy not out	79
Extras (b 9, lb 6, w 2, nb 2)	19
Total (4 wkts, 89 overs)	301

J N Snape, J E Emburey, †D Ripley, J P Taylor and C E L Ambrose to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-32, 3-85, 4-114

BOWLING: Mullally 22-4-73-0; Parsons 11-3-37-0, Wells 6-1-22-1; Brimson 15-4-45-1; Simmons 12-2-39-2, Pierson 22-3-65-0, Macmillan 1-0-5-0

Bonus points: Leicestershire 5 Northamptonshire 7

Umpires: R Julian and J D Bond

Middlesex v Essex

LORD'S (second day of four): Essex, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 121 runs ahead of Middlesex

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 264 (J D Carr 68, K R Brown 64 not out, J C Pooley 50; A P Cowan 4 for 76, M C Ilott 4 for 47)

ESSEX: First Innings

G A Gooch c Brown b Weekes	92
A P Grayson c Brown b Fraser	140
N Hussain c Hewitt b Tufnell	35
S G Law c sub b Fraser	9
*P J Prichard not out	67
R C Irani lbw b Fraser	9
†R J Rollins not out	1
Extras (lb 17, w 1, nb 14)	32
Total (5 wkts, 112 overs)	385

M C Ilott, N F Williams, P M Such and A P Cowan to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-171, 2-222, 3-243, 4-358, 5-380

BOWLING: Fraser 34-6-88-3, Johnson 17-1-84-0; Hewitt 17-3-101-0; Tufnell 36-20-51-1, Weekes 8-0-44-1

Bonus points: Middlesex 4 Essex 8.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and B J Meyer.

Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan

WORKSOP (second day of four): Glamorgan, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 140 runs behind Nottinghamshire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard b Watkin	34
R T Robinson c Maynard b Watkin	43
†W M Noon c Metson b Croft	26
A A Metcalfe c Maynard b Kendrick	128
*P Johnson lbw b Gibson	7
C L Cairns b Gibson	38
M N Bowen c Croft b Watkin	12
K P Evans c Metson b Croft	15
R T Bates c Croft b Kendrick	21
G W Mike c James b Gibson	7
J A Afford not out	11
Extras (lb 15, w 1, nb 13)	29
Total	371

Score at 120 overs: 325-7

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-78, 2-97, 3-132, 4-162, 5-259, 6-294, 7-325, 8-348, 9-353.

BOWLING: Watkin 33-16-74-3, Gibson 30.1-8-83-3; Croft 36-19-66-2; Butcher 17-2-74-0, Kendrick 23-8-59-2.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James not out	130
H Morris c Noon b Mike	69
A W Evans st Noon b Afford	21
†C P Metson not out	0
Extras (b 5, lb 2, nb 4)	11
Total (2 wkts, 72 overs)	231

*M P Maynard, P A Cottey, G P Butcher, O D Gibson, R D B Croft, N M Kendrick and S L Watkin to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-152, 2-214

BOWLING: Evans 17-4-45-0; Mike 16-3-65-1; Bowen 15-3-57-0; Bates 10-2-27-0, Afford 14-4-30-1

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 3 Glamorgan 4

Umpires: B Dudleston and F J Lyons

Somerset v Hampshire

TAUNTON (second day of four): Hampshire, with five second-innings wickets in hand, need 279 runs to avoid an innings defeat against Somerset

SOMERSET: First Innings

M N Lathwell c Aymes b Bovill	13
M E Trescothick c Keech b Bovill	178
*P D Bowler c Aymes b Milburn	0
R J Harden c Keech b Udal	54
K A Parsons c Aymes b Stephenson	30
S Lee c Kendall b Stephenson	26
†R J Turner lbw b Bovill	57
G D Rose not out	93
J D Batty c Terry b James	21
A R Caddick c Aymes b Bovill	38
K J Shine absent	0
Extras (b 2, lb 8, w 3, nb 18)	31
Total	541

Score at 120 overs: 494-8.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-39, 3-193, 4-244, 5-310, 6-324, 7-468, 8-491, 9-541

BOWLING: Bovill 32.3-5-140-4, Milburn 27-1-127-1, James 23-2-101-1, Stephenson 23-2-97-2; Udal 23-6-63-1, Laney 2-0-3-0

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

*J P Stephenson c Turner b Caddick	5
J S Laney lbw b Caddick	50
K D James c Harden b Lee	12
R A Smith b Rose	8
V P Terry lbw b Caddick	13
M Keech b Caddick	0
W S Kendall c Trescothick b Caddick	6
†A N Aymes not out	24
S D Udal lbw b Rose	0
S M Milburn c Turner b Rose	7
J N B Bovill c Parsons b Batty	17
Extras (lb 12, w 1, nb 4)	17
Total (39.4 overs)	159

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-43, 3-80, 4-86, 5-90, 6-103, 7-[illegible], 8-107, 9-125.

BOWLING: Caddick 14-1-46-5; Lee 9-2-36-1, Rose 13-3-49-3; Batty 3.4-0-16-1.

Second Innings

*J P Stephenson c sub b Parsons	21
J S Laney c Turner b Caddick	32
K D James run out	19
R A Smith c Rose b Batty	3
V P Terry c Lathwell b Batty	20
†A N Aymes not out	3
M Keech not out	4
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (5 wkts)	103

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-65, 3-68, 4-96, 5-96

BOWLING: Caddick 12-6-13-1, Lee 2-0-25-0, Rose 9-4-21-0; Parsons 5-2-16-1; Batty 9-2-27-2

Bonus points: Somerset 8 Hampshire 3

Umpires: A A Jones and M J Kitchen

Sussex v Yorkshire

EASTBOURNE (second day of four): Sussex, with all second-innings wickets in hand, require 219 runs to beat Yorkshire

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 345 (P J Hartley 89, R J Blakey 80 not out, V C Drakes 5 for 99)

Second Innings

M D Moxon lbw b Lewry	10
M P Vaughan c Moores b Drakes	6
*D Byas not out	72
M G Bevan b Drakes	1
A McGrath c Hall b Giddins	9
C White b Giddins	7
†R J Blakey lbw b Giddins	2
D Gough b Giddins	5
P J Hartley c Hall b Drakes	4
C E W Silverwood b Giddins	0
R D Stemp b Giddins	10
Extras (lb 3, nb 4)	7
Total	133

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-22, 3-29, 4-68, 5-78, 6-98, 7-104, 8-111, 9-115

BOWLING: Lewry 11-3-28-1; Drakes 14-1-36-3, Giddins 16.3-4-47-6; Law 5-1-19-0

SUSSEX: First Innings

C W J Athey lbw b Hartley	100
J W Hall c Stemp b Hartley	6
J D Lewry lbw b Hartley	13
*A P Wells c Blakey b Hartley	31
K Greenfield lbw b White	15
M P Speight c Byas b Gough	22
D R Law c Bevan b Hartley	39
†P Moores c Byas b White	0
I D K Salisbury lbw b White	2
V C Drakes not out	0
E S H Giddins c Stemp b Hartley	0
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 2, nb 16)	25
Total (64.5 overs)	253

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-33, 3-87, 4-135, 5-187, 6-242, 7-251, 8-253, 9-253

BOWLING: Gough 15-3-51-1; Silverwood 15-2-64-0; Hartley 16.5-2-67-6, White 12-2-50-3; Stemp 6-2-14-0

Second Innings

C W J Athey not out	6
J W Hall not out	0
Extras (b 1)	1
Total (no wkt)	7

BOWLING: Hartley 2-1-2-0, Gough 2-1-4-0

Bonus points: Sussex 6 Yorkshire 7.

Umpires: V A Holder and T E Jesty.

Tour match

Surrey v South Africa A

THE OVAL (second day of four): South Africa A, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 155 runs ahead of Surrey

SOUTH AFRICA A: First Innings

S G Koenig b Nowell	33
G F J Liebenberg b Lewis	6
H H Gibbs c Kennis b Patterson	58
H D Ackerman c Brown b Ratcliffe	48
*J Commins lbw b Patterson	55
D N Crookes c Brown b Nowell	70
N Boje not out	58
†S J Palframan c Knott b Patterson	5
L Klusener b Patterson	12
M W Pringle b Patterson	8
G Gilder c Shahid b Patterson	0
Extras (b 5, lb 3, w 2, nb 16)	26
Total	379

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-104, 3-104, 4-187, 5-260, 6-325, 7-349, 8-365, 9-379

BOWLING: Lewis 16-5-46-1; Patterson 17.3-4-80-6; Kenlock 12-2-40-0, Ward 7-2-21-0, Nowell 18-2-76-2; Shahid 4-0-22-0; Ratcliffe 13-4-54-1, Smith 4-0-32-0

Second Innings

S G Koenig c Brown b Lewis	18
G F J Liebenberg b Patterson	1
H H Gibbs not out	10
H D Ackerman not out	33
Total (2 wkts)	62

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-19.

BOWLING: Patterson 5-2-18-1; Lewis 4-0-26-1, Nowell 4-2-12-0, Shahid 3-0-8-0

SURREY: First Innings

J D Ratcliffe run out	69
G J Kennis retired hurt	2
N Shahid lbw b Gilder	3
A W Smith c Crookes b Klusener	7
*C C Lewis c Gibbs b Pringle	52
I J Ward c Liebenberg b Klusener	15
A D Brown c Ackerman b Pringle	69
†J A Knott c Palframan b Klusener	3
R W Nowell not out	28
S G Kenlock c Gibbs b Gilder	0
M W Patterson lbw b Pringle	4
Extras (b 9, lb 10, w 1, nb 14)	34
Total	286

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-47, 3-144, 4-173, 5-173, 6-205, 7-265, 8-269, 9-286

BOWLING: Pringle 31.4-8-92-3, Gilder 22-7-48-2; Klusener 21-3-63-3, Boje 10-0-40-0, Crookes 8-4-24-0

Umpires: K E Palmer and P Adams

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Atlanta stunned by American's superhuman performance in 200 metres

Johnson has the world at his feet

FROM DAVID POWELL
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IN ATLANTA

MICHAEL JOHNSON went to Planet Hollywood on Thursday night, but which planet had he come from? The world record which Johnson set in the 200 metres here was the most extraordinary Olympic performance since Bob Beamon skipped 28ft at the 1968 Mexico Games, taking the long jump mark straight from 27ft to 29. Arguably, it was more extraordinary because Beamon enjoyed the benefit of altitude. It was superhuman.

Yesterday, as Atlanta tried to concentrate on the penultimate day of competition on the track, nothing could deflect one's thinking from what had gone on the night before. Johnson had achieved the first Olympic 200/400 metres double by a man, but this historic achievement was lost in the disbelief that this Texan, who was on the verge of quitting the sport through frustration in 1989, had run 19.32sec for 200 metres.

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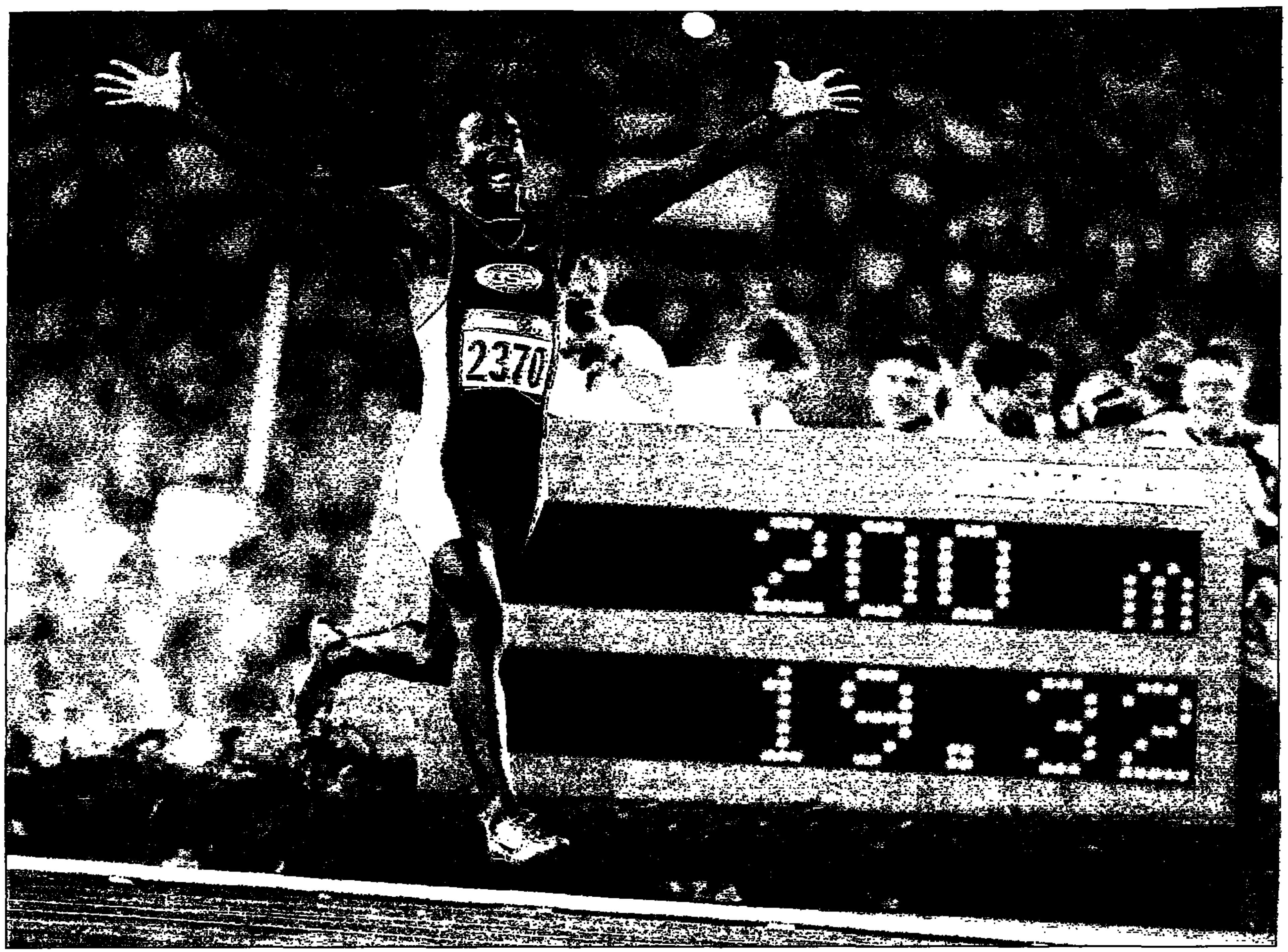


Johnson is jubilant after breaking the 200 metres world record and completing a unique double, having also won gold in the 400 metres. Photograph: Richard Pelham

Johnson covered the first 100 metres in 10.12sec, on a curve. He ran the second 100 metres in 9.20sec, albeit with a rolling start. His two 100 metres runs average out at 9.66sec. When Donovan Bailey, from Canada, set a world record for the 100 metres here last Saturday, his time was 9.84sec.

Johnson cut the biggest slice off the world record since Eddie Tolan's 21.12sec at the Los Angeles Games of 1932. Both Johnson and Tolan, also from the United States, improved it by 0.34sec.

Tolan's record stood for 20 years. Johnson's will probably last beyond the lifetime of everybody who saw it. "I want to give people something to remember," he had said coming into the Games. He gave us more than we thought humanly possible. More than he thought possible. "I think I am capable of 19.5," was his prediction.

Until June, when Johnson ran 19.66sec in the US Olympic trials, the world record, held by Pietro Mennea, from Italy, had stood for 17 years. How long will it be before the combination of forces which brought Johnson to this pinnacle meet again? A fast track, a capacity home crowd of 83,000, a warm evening ideal for sprinting, favourable wind, and the incentive of the double to drive on a magnificent athlete at his peak.

Given that the track is to be pulled up after the Paralympics which follow these Games, and Johnson is unlikely to be inspired to this degree again, it is hard to imagine even the great man himself going quicker. Johnson, after two frustrating Olympic campaigns, won here by the biggest margin since Jesse Owens in 1936. Yet Frankie Fredericks, in second place, recorded 19.68sec, faster than Mennea's now seemingly pedestrian world record. Of his second 100 metres, run at an average speed of 24.45 miles per hour, Johnson remarked: "It really blows me away." Certainly it blew the opposition away. Though leading by barely the length of one of his 3.5oz gold-laminated spikes coming off the bend, Johnson's acceleration was so sudden it was as though the other seven finalists had a conveyor belt beneath their feet, moving towards them.

Johnson thought, presumably by feel, for one could not see it, that he stumbled at the start. "I think that cost me a few hundredths of a second," he said. He was over it, he said, by the fourth step. What might he gain also if he dipped at the finish? He never does, that distinctive upright form constant to the end.

Photographs of his close finish with Fredericks in Oslo last month show him leaning only slightly forward when a traditional dip might have saved his sequence of 21 races unbeaten at 200 metres. While Fredericks leaned, head and torso thrust forward, Johnson's body remained vertical, except for a bend of his neck throwing his head slightly forward.

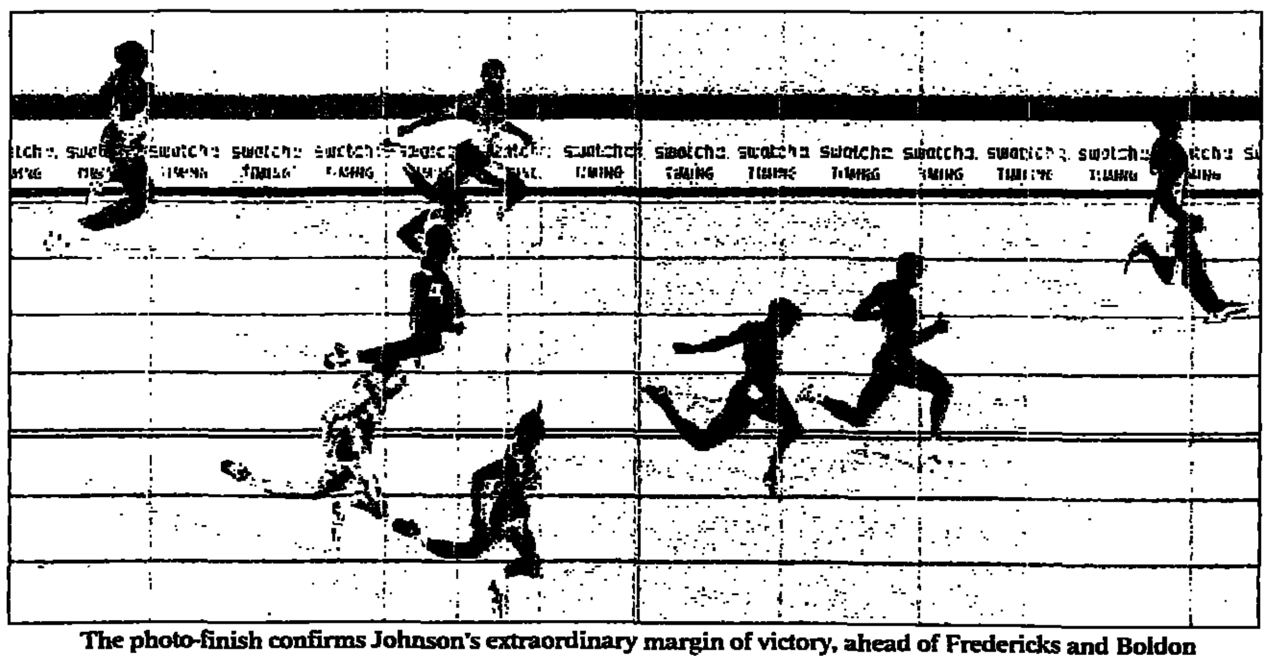
The days are long gone since Johnson's posture was criticised. "The advantage of my style is that, being upright, I am more on top of myself and in control and that is what helps me to be a good curve runner," he said.

Clyde Hart, Johnson's coach, said that he has "the perfect form" and that, even under pressure from commentators years ago, he had never been tempted to change it. "We have had the greatest runners in history analysed on computer and Michael is the model," Hart said.

Before Johnson came along, the man nearest to achieving the Olympic 200/400 metres double was Eric Liddell, of Great Britain, who won the 400 metres gold and 200 metres bronze in Paris in 1924. Johnson's victory ended a sequence of three successive Olympic victories for Tom Tellez, the American coach, who had trained Carl Lewis (1984), Joe DeLoach (1988) and Mike Marsh (1992) to gold.

Johnson, who yesterday pulled out of the United States 4 x 400 metres relay team with a hamstring injury, did not make the 1988 Games. He was last in his heat of the 400 metres at the trials, and withdrew from the 200 metres after suffering a broken fibula. He was injured again in 1989 and, had he not had such an encouraging 1990, ranking No 1 in the world at 200 and 400 metres, he might not be in athletics now. "I probably would have used my degree [in marketing] and gone into business," he said. Misfortune revisited him in 1992 when, expected to win the 200 metres, he fell sick with food poisoning in Barcelona.

After Johnson ran his 19.66sec, Hart was asked about the physiological testing his athlete had undergone. "The only thing I know," Hart replied, eager to get away for the celebrations, "is that when they took off his shirt, there was a big S on his chest." Must have been the *Daily Planet* he came from.



The photo-finish confirms Johnson's extraordinary margin of victory, ahead of Fredericks and Boldon

Calamity in relay leaves Christie out in cold

FROM JOHN GOODBODY

THE Olympic career of Linford Christie ended yesterday with Great Britain's greatest-ever sprinter once again failing to start a race. This time it was not a disqualification that ended Christie's hopes of concluding his career with another medal. Instead, he was rested for the first-round heat of the 4 x 100 metres relay. In his absence, the squad dropped the baton and failed to finish.

The mix-up occurred at the changeover on the second to third legs between Darren Braithwaite and Darren Campbell, 23, from Manchester. The latter said: "Linford has never been to a championship and not won a medal and we were really going out there to do something for him. Now I have got to face him."

Tony Jarrett, the 110 metres hurdler, who ran the first leg, said: "It would have been nice to have got something for Linford. But accidents do happen in relays. This sums up the whole Games for us."

Braithwaite was involved in the previous incident of a dropped baton in a 4 x 100 metres relay in an important event when Britain failed to finish at the European championships in Helsinki in 1994. However, this can happen to even the most accomplished teams. The United States relay team was disqualified for a faulty changeover at the Seoul Olympics in 1988.

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Administrators persuaded to invest in success

FROM DAVID MILLER

To improve Great Britain's performance at the Olympic Games in Sydney in 2000, after a comparatively lame display in Atlanta, the British Olympic Association (BOA) intends to introduce a £10,000 subsistence grant for 300 competitors. This will assist in their training and preparation. Nothing less is needed if Britain, lying fifteenth yesterday in the table of overall number of medals won, is not to fall even further behind the international field.

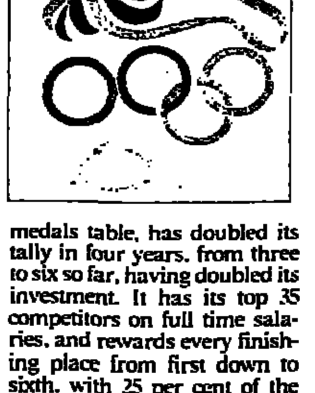
"I have been trying to get a feel of what athletes need," Craig Reedie, the BOA chairman, said. "They don't want to become millionaires, just the chance to do the job properly, to be equally prepared with everyone else. That means full time support for at least two years before the Games."

This would require £3 million a year. That sum can now become available under the Government's new directive, by which five per cent of lottery funding for sport, £300 million a year, can go towards training as opposed to providing facilities: building people, rather than building gymnasiums. The repetitive evidence of Atlanta, of medals narrowly missed by British contenders, is that better preparation could have made the difference.

The BOA is to meet Virginia Bottomley and Iain Sproat, the ministers responsible for sport, after the BOA's own debriefing on returning home. "It's not a carpeting, as has been suggested, but a normal invitation from Government to discuss the future," Reedie said. That future includes, critically, the establishment and the function of John Major's proposed Academy for Sport. Funding for coaching and training is fundamental, and the Government must recognise this.

Belgium, lying 25th in the medals table, has doubled its tally in four years, from three to six so far, having doubled its investment. It has its top 35 competitors on full time salaries, and rewards every finishing place from first down to sixth, with 25 per cent of the financial bonus going to the coach. "The relation between success and investment is linear," Dr Jaques Rogge, the Belgian member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), said.

THE MISSING MEDALS



Australia, lying fifth in the medals table with its best ever tally of 36 to date, gives $A40,000 to every gold medal-winner. "It's compensation, not incentive," Phil Coates, an Australian IOC member, said. "You cannot beat an institutionalised training centre, whether it's publicly or privately financed [Australia has its academy in Canberra, the model which provoked Major's initiative]. Improvement won't happen overnight. It's taken us ten years."

Russia, fourth in the table, rewards its gold medal-winners with $50,000; the United States, the runaway leaders, with $40,000. Hungary, one place ahead of Britain has a $20,000 reward, 40 per cent of which goes to the individual coach, and its National Olympic Committee has all competitors on a monthly subsistence grant.

When considering Britain's apparent "failure" the financial structure of other teams must be taken into account. The proper administration of the Government's academy becomes increasingly important. "It's up to us on the BOA to prove to those who will take the decision on the academy's creation, the new UK Sports Council, that we should run the sports side," Reedie said.

"We wouldn't build it, we don't want to run the kitchens and the laundry, but we know more about elite sport than anyone else. We can network the services, whether it's biomechanics, diet, physiotherapy, sports psychology, to all federations and competitors, to make them generally available, and avoid the wasteful exercise of different sports federations undertaking their own research."

After decades of confusion among Britain's multiple sports authorities, it is essential that the Government delegates to the BOA the responsibility for producing elite competitors.

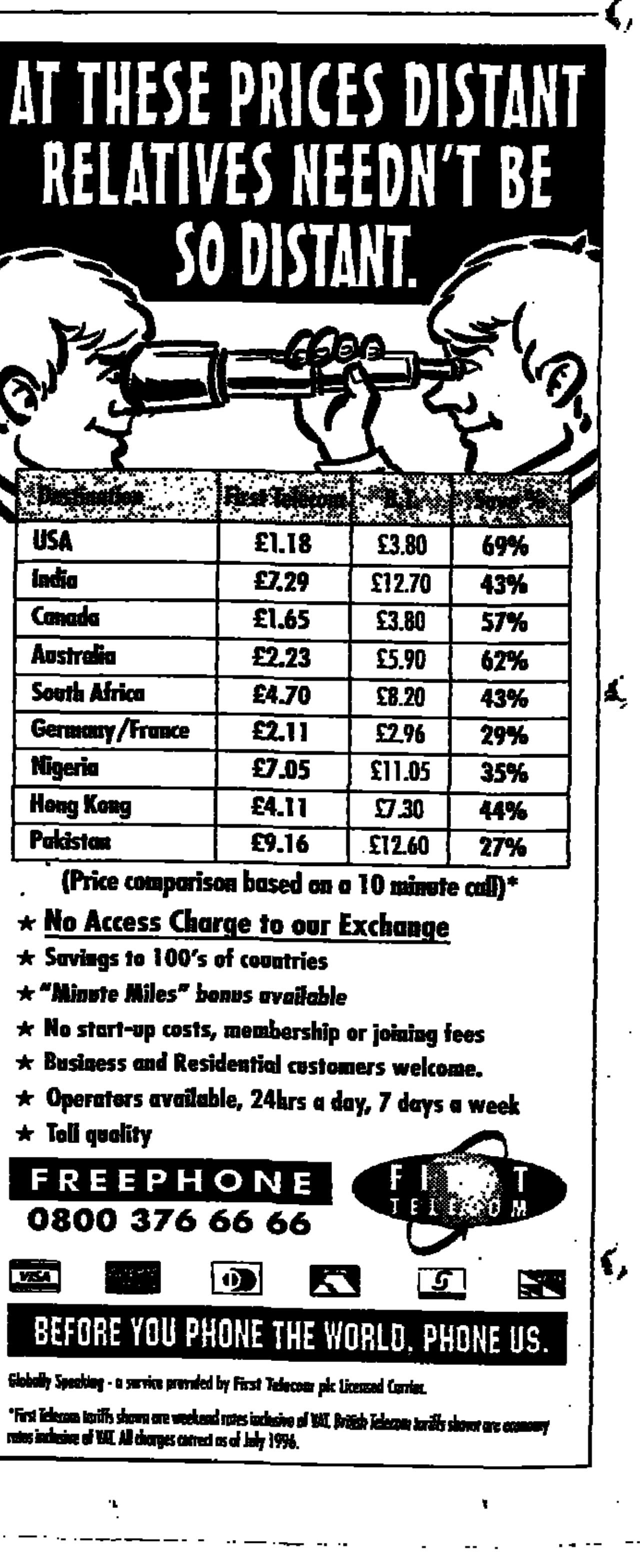
Strug leaps into new category

KERRI Strug, the United States gymnast whose gold medal-winning vault when injured set the Atlanta Games alight, has signed with a sports agent who will probably make her a millionairess.

Marketing experts said Strug, whose courage helped the US women's team win their first Olympic gold, could reap up to $5 million (more than £3 million) from commercial endorsements.

Strug, 18, told *USA Today* newspaper that she had signed with agent Leigh Steinberg, whose other clients have included skater Brian Boitano and the 1994 US World Cup football team.

"I feel good about the decision. It's a big change in my life," Strug said. "I remember the impact Mary Lou Retton had on me. It's a dream come true."



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Greed eclipses Olympic creed at Atlanta 'flea market'

Quentin Letts looks back at the Centennial Olympic Games, which will probably go down in history as the tackiest ever

THE chief operating officer of the Atlanta Olympics advised future cities hosting the Games to reduce the level of corporate sponsorship, something which has been bitterly criticised by non-American officials and visitors at the Centennial Olympiad.

As the Atlanta Games entered the home straight, A.D. Frazier, an open-faced Southern lawyer who has worked 20 hours a day throughout the Olympics, said: "I would encourage future bid cities to look at the Games as an event... I might suggest that future organisers not look for private financing."

His candid remarks, which surprised senior colleagues, went to the heart of a matter which threatens to become the enduring image of the Atlanta Games. The near miracle of this crime-troubled city even getting itself ready on time, the moments of high sporting endeavour and the optimism of the crowds, alas, will probably be forgotten before the money-grabbing and the corporate one-upmanship.

Atlanta promised "the greatest Games of all time", but never mentioned that they would be the tackiest, too. The city was yesterday attacked by members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) who felt that the creed of the Games had been forgotten.

Michael Payne, marketing director for the IOC, said it was the "last time ever" that the Olympics would be turned over to private financing. A 30-page list of new conditions has been drafted to present to future Olympic cities. Anita DeFrantz, an American IOC member, expressed concern about the franchising out of the Olympic name and said that greater control was needed over companies which associated themselves with the movement.

Richard Pound, the IOC member whose job it is to safeguard the Olympic brand, described some of Atlanta's initiatives as "outrageous" and said that the city had done itself harm. Mr Pound's mood cannot have been helped by the fact that his wife was arrested this week after an allegedly drink-tinged brawl with a policewoman.

"Flea market" was one description of central Atlanta this fortnight. At every turn there have been corporate logos and the Centennial Park, centrepiece of the fortnight, resembled a trade fair rather than a celebration of internationalism and sporting goodwill.

Los Angeles in 1984 showed that the Games can be compatible with American enterprise, but Atlanta failed to follow those lessons and upset not only traditionalists but also some sponsors by marketing the Games on too broad a scale. Sydney, site of the 2000 Olympiad, has taken note of the failings, and cities bidding for the 2004 Games, among them Istanbul, Cape Town and Athens, are concentrating their rhetoric on the "philosophy" of the Olympic movement.

The Games started unsteadily, with transport problems and technological fiascos. Then came last weekend's bomb, followed by a muddled FBI hunt for the culprit, talk of security blunders, and now the bruising comments from the IOC. Atlanta officials yesterday pointed to the high spectator numbers, which were more than the combined totals of the Los Angeles and Barcelona Games, but the lasting memory, sadly, seems likely to be less positive. America's success in the gymnasium, swimming pool and on the track and field no doubt added the fuel of envy to some of the foreign remarks.

There has been ill-concealed dismay among IOC members about the brashness of Atlanta's self-promotion. This failed to make some of the international officials, foreign visitors and athletes feel welcome. Shelley Holroyd, a British javelin thrower, told BBC Radio 5: "The crowds were very biased. It was unbelievable." She was perhaps not in tune with American patriotism, but it was a view shared by many non-Americans.

Bob Brennan, spokesman for the Atlanta organisers, emphasised yesterday that the city will inherit $550 million (£354 million) worth of new buildings. However, in terms of reputation Atlanta has taken some dents. As the clock approaches midnight on Sunday at the 1996 Games closing ceremony, the Olympic torch will be passed to Sydney where, as a member of the Australian delegation said: "The one thing we at least do know how to organise is a booze-up in a brewery".

Simon Barnes, page 20
Olympics, pages 43-46 and 48

Dole scouts look for a partner to lift campaign

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

NEXT Saturday Bob Dole will conclude a humiliating spectacle seen every four years in American politics when he announces his choice for a Republican Vice-President.

The running-mate will join Mr Dole in his home town of Russell, Kansas, where the candidates will spend the night, before flying the next day to the crowning ceremony at the Republican convention in San Diego.

For Mr Dole, the selection process has been a peculiarly public and often embarrassing means of finding the person he describes as a "perfect ten" to fill a role that many Republicans believe will make the difference between success and failure in the November election.

Since the end of the primary season, and the presumption of Mr Dole's position as the nominee, the focus has been on a fluctuating group of individuals who have been either approached or considered likely to balance the ticket for the 73-year-old former senator. They have ranged from General Colin Powell, the popular former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to various governors from the Midwest and a handful of prominent senators. The latest of these is John McCain — Vietnam veteran, Anglophile and vocal critic of President Clinton's foreign policy. Yesterday he submitted "background details" to the headhunters establishing a shortlist for Mr Dole.

Sitting in his capacious office on Capitol Hill, Mr McCain tried to contain a smile when he said that he was just one of 200 of Mr Dole's closest advisers. "I think one of the reasons Bob Dole likes me is that I don't impose on him, nor do I seek to have his attention or provide him with advice and counsel on a constant basis as many do," he said.

> ‘Dole is no longer thinking about selecting a pro-choice running-mate, period’

Mr McCain's well-documented torture during more than five years as a prisoner of war — including spells at the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" — resonate with Mr Dole, who was severely wounded in the Second World War.

Mr McCain, senator for Arizona, is viewed as a reliable spokesman on national security as well as a leading critic of what he describes as Mr Clinton's ad hoc foreign policy by photo-opportunity.

"As England did for the world and America until the end of the Second World War, so we must now do for the world," he says. "Bob Dole is a steady hand at the tiller who can provide the required Pax Americana."

Nonetheless, Mr Dole's advisers have serious doubts about Mr McCain's practical credentials: his lack of executive experience, a few messy family problems and a brief brush with financial scandal. As a senator he hardly represents a Washington outsider, as Mr Dole has sought to portray himself since resigning his seat in June.

The vice-presidential choice will prove particularly important in assuring unity at the convention between moderates and conservatives. Pat Buchanan, the conservative commentator, has said that he and his followers will abandon the event if the platform is not resolutely "pro-life" or does not meet his radical criteria.

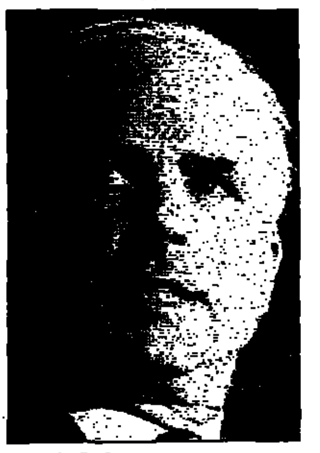
As a result, Tom Ridge and George Voinovich, the Governors of Pennsylvania and Ohio, who are both "pro-choice", are said to have been dropped. Christine Todd Whitman, the Governor of New Jersey, who was a popular favourite among Republican women, has ruled herself out. One campaign aide said: "Dole is no longer thinking about a pro-choice running mate, period."

High on the list of hopefuls are Carroll Campbell, former Governor of South Carolina, senators Connie Mack of Florida, Don Nickles of Oklahoma and the Governors of key Midwestern states, John Engler of Michigan, Jim Edgar of Illinois and Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin.

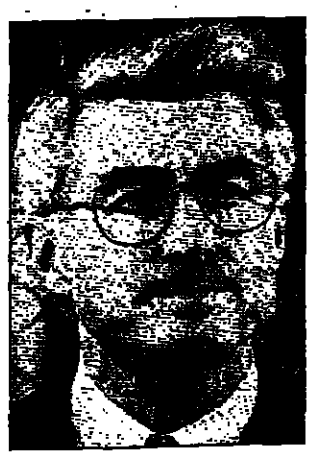
Others often mentioned include James Baker, the former Secretary of State, William Bennett, a former Education Secretary, and Ann Dore McLaughlin, a former Labour Secretary.

The contest will reach fever pitch next week. For many party activists, the excitement of an announcement and the convention week are desperately needed to boost the error-prone and ailing campaign of their candidate.

Mack: Florida senator



McCain: war veteran



Edgar: state Governor

Engler: state Governor

A man walks across the wreckage of a bridge damaged by flooding after hurricane Cesar hit the Costa Rica Pacific coast. Storms killed 44 and devastated coffee crops. A relief plane with four on board is missing. (*AP*)

Clinton loses his temper with reporters

From Ian Brodie in Washington

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S volcanic temper, usually concealed from public view, erupted on camera in the White House Rose Garden and Bob Dole's campaign was quick to seize the advantage.

Bristling at reporters' questions, Mr Clinton heatedly revoked promises to pay the legal bills of seven staff sacked from the White House travel office. "I never gave my word on that," he snapped. Why should they get help, he demanded, when other White House aides have incurred huge legal expenses by being "dragooned" for questioning before hostile congressional committees on Whitewater and associated issues.

Reminded that his press spokesmen had said he would sign legislation to help the seven, Mr Clinton responded: "I didn't say that. I said I didn't know what's going to be in it. I don't believe we should give special preference to one group of people over others. Do you? Do you?"

Aides hurriedly called off the briefing which had been intended to trumpet good economic news. They trailed after Mr Clinton into the Oval Office where he could be heard shouting in anger. He later apologised, saying he had not been sleeping well since the crash of TWA Flight 800 more than two weeks ago.

Mr Clinton's tempestuous rages are the stuff of legend. They are said to explode frequently behind the scenes, often to the accompaniment of Nixonian expletives. Victims have been known to think their careers were over, but the storm passes and Mr Clinton is his sunny self again.

Embellishing the episode, John Buckley, spokesman for Mr Dole's Republican presidential campaign, accused Mr Clinton of suffering a "total meltdown". Republicans are planning to capitalise on the outburst, which featured prominently in the media. They will try to hold Mr Clinton to the promise to repay the seven.

The "Travelgate" affair is an embarrassment for the White House. Memos suggest that the seven, all civil servants, were sacked on orders of Hillary Clinton so that "our people" could get the jobs. She denies it, but a distant cousin of Mr Clinton's did take over briefly and friends of the family tried to corner the lucrative air-charter business.

US 'would offer $2m for a TWA bomber'

From James Bone in New York

THE United States is ready to offer a reward of up to $2 million (£1.3 million) for the capture of suspects if the TWA crash is officially declared a terrorist attack.

Officials have discussed offering the reward as part of a worldwide effort to track down the culprits believed to have smuggled a bomb on board the Paris-bound jet.

Large rewards have become almost routine in the battle against international terrorism and drugs. The US State Department said recently it had paid out $3 million in about 20 cases. The offer of a $2 million reward is thought to have contributed to the capture of Ramzi Yousef, accused of masterminding the 1993 World Trade Centre bombing. Similar rewards are on offer for Khun Sa, the alleged Burmese drug lord, and Mir Amal Kansi, the suspect in the shootings outside CIA headquarters in Virginia that left two people dead.

Bounties have also been placed on the unknown killers of two US diplomats in Karachi and the extremists who bombed a US military base last month in Saudi Arabia. Nineteen people were killed.

The cause of the TWA disaster is unknown. Tests for explosive residue on a forward cargo door failed to confirm investigators' suspicion that the plane had been blown out of the sky by a bomb in the forward baggage compartment.

Growers fight to save coca

Tens of thousands of coca-leaf growers in Colombia this week staged violent protests against a government plan to destroy vast plantations of the crop used to make cocaine (Gabriella Gamini writes).

At least 60,000 coca-growers, who rely on the crop for an income, armed with picks and shovels set up roadblocks in the central highlands region. Yesterday at least three people were reportedly killed and hundreds hurt in clashes with police.

Under the plan, planes are to spray entire coca-leaf plantations. Farmers fear other crops would also be destroyed, but President Samper is under pressure to clamp down on cocaine production.

Three years for China dissident

Hong Kong: China has sent a human rights activist to a labour camp for three years after he sent a petition to the Chinese parliament calling for the release of all political prisoners, his family said in Peking yesterday (writes James Pringle).

Chen Longde, 39, and six others sent a petition last May to the National People's Congress and was accused of endangering state security. He served three years in jail after the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989.

Rooms for manoeuvres

A torrid affair between a German army officer and a 22-year-old woman recruit stationed with Nato forces in Croatia has led to demands for "love rooms" for German troops posted overseas (Eve-Ann Prentice writes). The couple were arrested after keeping other officers awake in a dormitory. A spokesman for the Green Party in Bonn said: "It is essential to everyone's emotional development that they can practise sex."

Canada tackles potato blight

Ottawa: Farmers in three Canadian provinces are fighting potato blight, which they fear could develop into a superstrain (Richard Cleroux writes). They fear a type known as A2 has attacked a large part of the $500 million (£322 million) crop in Ontario, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and that by next year it could turn into a more devastating strain.

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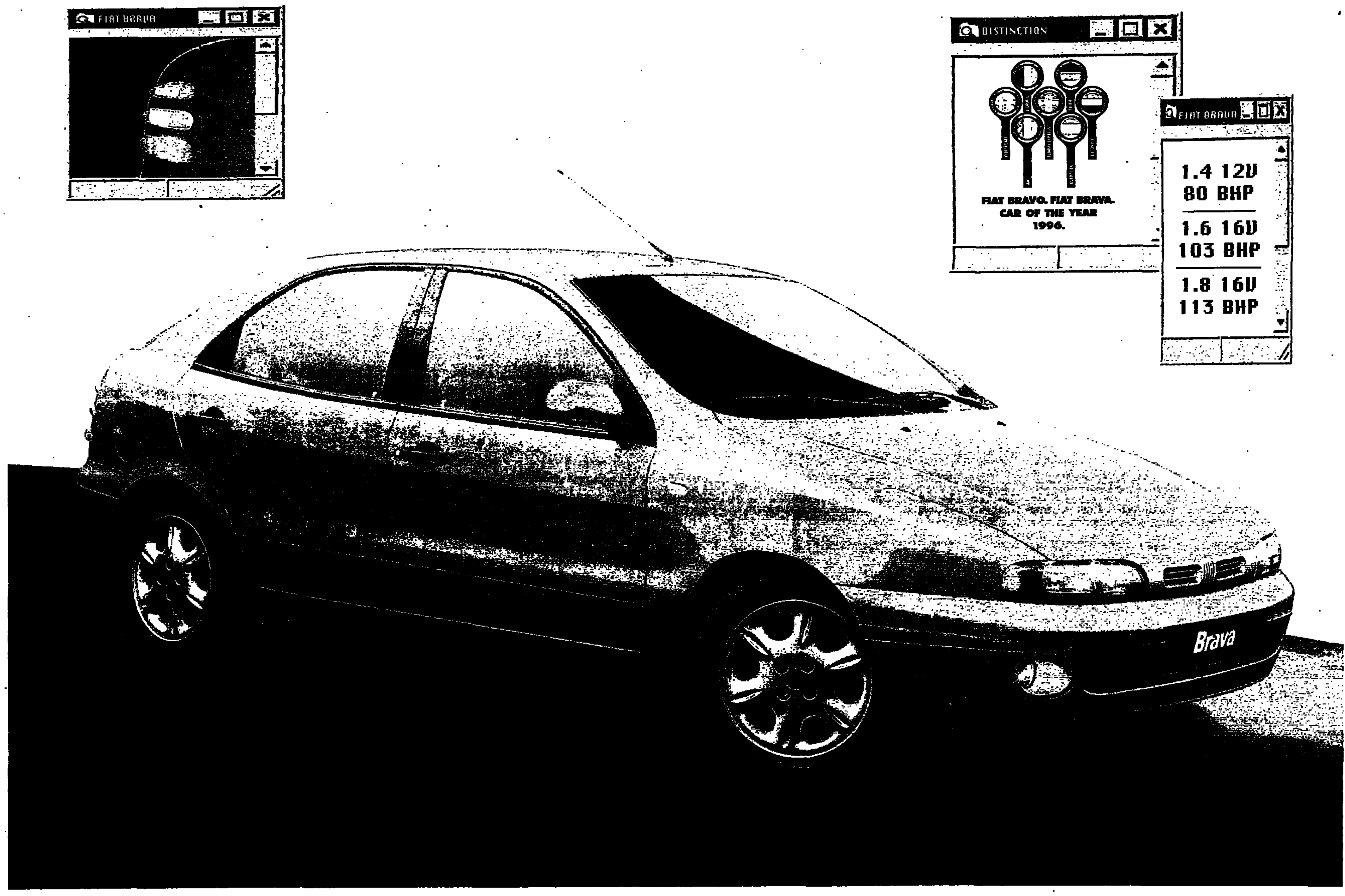

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Indonesian riots test ambiguous army role

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN JAKARTA

THE military's fierce response to pro-democracy unrest in Indonesia this week has intensified calls for curbing the armed forces' dominant role in politics.

Indonesia is neither democratic nor totally dictatorial: the army draws civilians into the system and pursues what it calls the middle way. The press is free up to a point, but faces withdrawal of publishing licences if it crosses an ill-defined line. There are curbs on public assemblies. Only three political parties are permitted to contest elections. Millions of new, young voters find such curbs intolerable.

The military, for all its roughshod treatment of pro-democracy demonstrators, enjoys immense respect. Almost every political party regards it as the only force capable of controlling the potential for disintegration of a country with more differences than similarities that have yielded civil wars and rebellions.

The army has had ample opportunity to seize absolute power, especially after putting down the abortive communist coup in 1965, when it emerged as the hero of the nation. It immediately filled the power vacuum and became the country's dominant political force, but without imposing military rule. The armed forces' role, unique in the world, is defined, and enshrined by law, as *dwifungsi*, "dual function" — a social-political role as well as a defensive one. It has given Indonesia unprecedented stability for 30 years.

The former Dutch colony had no institutionalised political structures at independence, after four years of Japanese occupation, half a century ago. The army, which grew out of bands of young fighters, moved into the void. Megawati Sukarnoputri, who heads the pro-democracy movement, believes the armed forces must continue to play a central role in politics. "They came from the grassroots. They are part of the soul of the country — they will always have an important function and it is right that they should," she said this week.

Kusnanto Anggoro, a researcher for the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Jakarta, agrees. "People have nothing against the army. The democracy movement is not aimed at them, although there is a feeling that the army should have a lesser role. People are not really asking for more democracy. What they want is a government that is more accountable, less corrupt and less bureaucratic."

President Suharto shows signs of distancing himself from the new generation of military leaders. "He feels some high-ranking officers do not support him," Mr Anggoro said. "The number of seats in the House of Representatives reserved for the military will be reduced from 100 to 75 at the general election next year."

Ten of his Cabinet ministers are acting or retired army officers, and his Vice-President is a former head of the armed forces. The military is involved in a huge range of business interests, profits from which finance many of its functions, as well as provide opportunities for high-ranking corruption. There is open contempt within the army for civilian liberal democracy, which was tried with disastrous results in the 1950s, and most civilian politicians agree that Western-style democracy would not work.

The real impact of this week's pro-democracy riots is to focus debate on how far, if at all, the military should retreat from the centre of power, personified by the almost one-man rule of General Suharto. The past week's trouble was a reminder of what tens of millions of young voters think of their corrupt, privileged and unaccountable rulers.

Interrogation go-ahead

PRESIDENT SUHARTO has authorised the interrogation of the woman leader of Indonesia's pro-democracy movement after last weekend's riots. The move demonstrates his determination to fight calls for more open government (*Christopher Thomas writes*).

Last night, Megawati Sukarnoputri said she had not yet received a summons but was ready to answer any questions. The Attorney-General's Office has been seeking official permission to question her about her role in the run-up to the riots.

Muchtar Pakpahan, a dissident union leader, was charged yesterday with subversion over the riots, which carries a possible death penalty.

Flashing lights and silver balls lure Japan's pinball players to spend £193 billion a year

Japan's pinball wizardry becomes fatal addiction

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

A FOUR-year-old boy wandered out of the amusement arcade where his mother was playing pinball — known to the Japanese as *pachinko* — tumbled into an irrigation ditch and drowned. Outside another *pachinko* parlour, two brothers, a two-year-old and a one-year-old, suffocated in a car left by their mother while she went in for a "quick game".

The incidents typify the "*pachinko* deaths" of children forgotten by pinball-obsessed mothers reported by the Japanese press in recent weeks. In little more than a year, about 30 child fatalities have been attributed to accidents while parents were enjoying a flutter. The tragedies have prompted newspaper editorials and sociologists to lament that *pachinko* is no longer harmless fun, but becoming an addiction for increasing numbers of players.

One in four Japanese — 30 million — plays regularly, and about a third are women. Even the smallest town has a *pachinko* parlour. Across the country there are 4.7 million machines, one for every 26 Japanese. Beneath garish neon, customers sit shoulder to shoulder before rows of vertical pinball machines, hypnotised by streams of spinning silver balls, flashing red lights and clanging bells. Students of the culture have said that the Japanese enjoy the anonymity, and find fulfilment in surroundings that look to many foreigners like a vision of hell.

"You have to remember that this game, which I personally think is horrible, is not confined to dimwits and the unemployed," says Hideaki Kase, an author and political commentator.

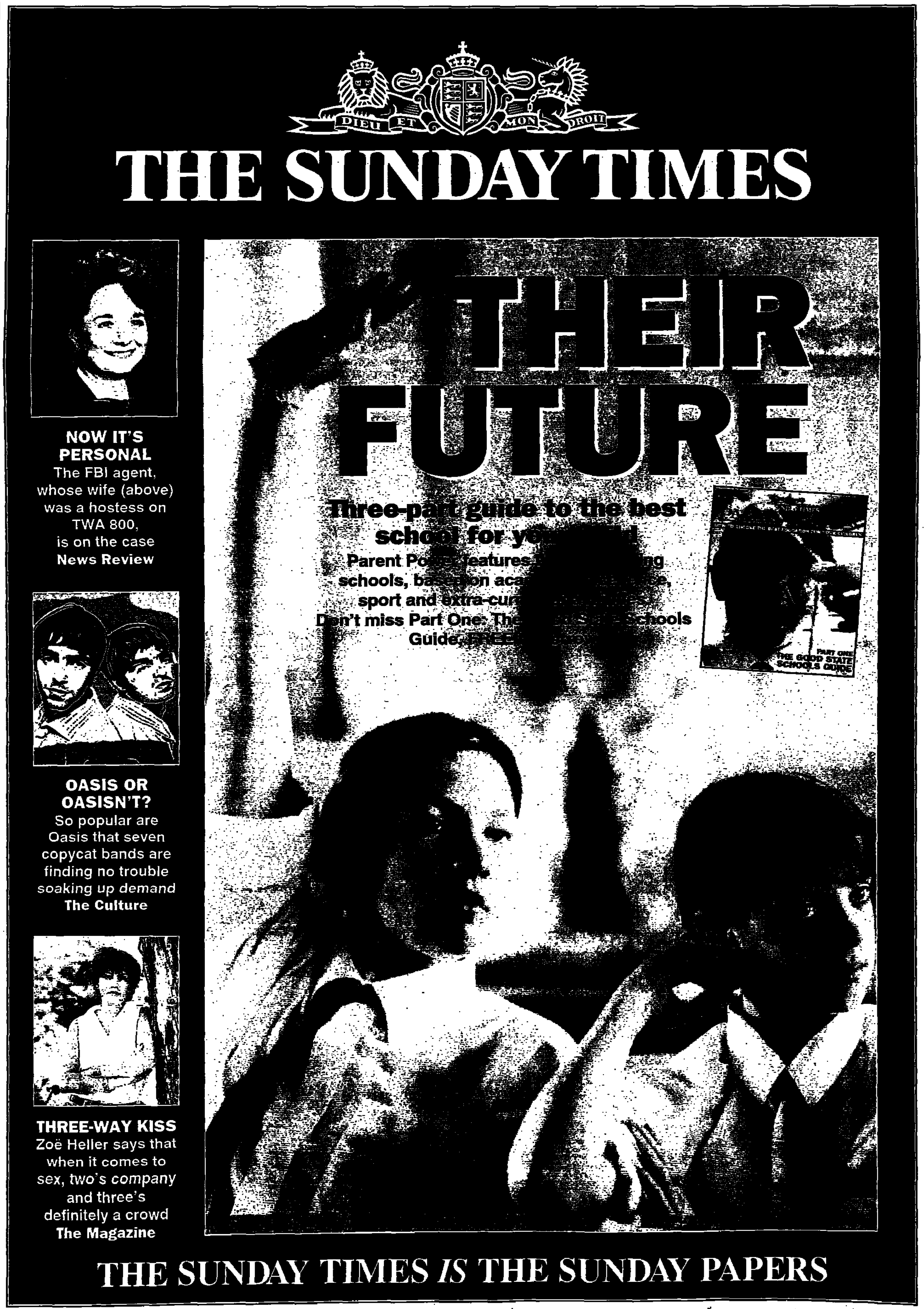
Pachinko is big business, shovelling in revenues estimated by the Government at $300 billion (£193 billion) a year — 25 per cent of all revenues in the service sector. The Government does not classify *pachinko* as gambling like horse, bicycle and motorboat racing, and officially the only prizes are items such as biscuits, wrist watches or toiletries.

But around every corner is a little place that exchanges the prizes for cash — an illegal practice to which the police close their eyes. It is no coincidence that senior police officers assume jobs in the *pachinko* industry after retirement.

The corrupting force of *pachinko* has been apparent for years. Tax evasion is rampant, gangsters skim off some of the profits, and more recently the scandal of forging pre-paid *pachinko* cards has made headlines. But now some commentators fear that the ill effects are seeping into society at large. The rate of young people playing has grown, and more Japanese are becoming hooked.

In the past 15 months, there have been more than 200 reported cases of *pachinko*-related crimes, such as stealing to support a *pachinko* addiction. But most disturbing are the "*pachinko* deaths" which Takeshi Sato, a social psychology professor, blames on the irresponsibility of young parents and the unstoppable rise in the addiction to this form of gambling.

This week, *pachinko* associations summoned members to discuss the issue. Fearing imposed regulation, the operators promised to put their house in order.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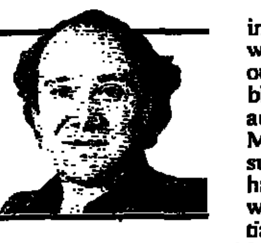
France's favourite mercenary, out of Africa and out of prison, comes up trumps

Dog of war has his day

PARIS FILE

by BEN MACINTYRE



FRANCE'S most notorious "soldier of fortune" bade a farewell to arms this week after emerging from a Paris prison to the sort of fanfare usually reserved for returning Olympians or elderly heroes of the Resistance. France has always had an ambivalent attitude towards "Colonel" Bob Denard, the last of a breed of war-dogs whose exploits have inspired countless novels and films as well as an enduring personal mythology.

M Denard and his band of mercenaries, *Les Affreux* (The Terrors), have played a dubious part in dozens of African conflicts since the 1960s, most recently the attempt to mount a coup in the Comoros Islands last October, but this has been done with such panache that France has nonetheless adopted M Denard as a beloved national anti-hero.

"I have come back to square one," he announced on leaving La Santé, the Paris jail where he has spent the past nine months in the company of some of France's top industrialists.

"I don't have the energy, physically or psychologically, to go back to war. It's over. I will soon be 68. I am an old man," he declared. He has plenty of energy left for self-publicity, however, and the French press clustered adoringly, noting "the blue of his eyes has lost none of its vigour". *Paris-Match* awarded him the full five-star celebrity treatment.

M Denard's ability to escape punishment, just as he survived so many African battlefields unscathed, rests on a talent for implying that his activities were always carried out with the covert blessing of the French authorities, the CIA or MI6, coupled with the suggestion that he has, in some obscure way, upheld the martial honour of France throughout his career. The failed Comoros coup, which he insists was the fulfilment of a "debt of honour", was no exception. "Once upon a time they would have given me a medal for such an operation. Now they throw me in a hole. Perhaps it's a way of honouring me," he said.

The self-styled "Pirate for France" is still under legal investigation for the 1989 murder of the former Comoros President, Ahmed Abdullah, when the mercenary was leader of the presidential guard. "He was my friend. I am perhaps responsible because I was charged with protecting him, but I'm certainly not guilty," he maintains.

Next week a Paris court will decide whether to press charges, a ruling M Denard awaits with a "serenity" that is probably justified. Since leaving La Santé, the irrepressible M Denard has traded his battle dress for the mantle of gossip columnist, regaling anyone who will listen with stories of his illustrious fellow inmates in France's most exclusive prison.

He described how he learnt to paint with a disgraced businessman ("I'm better at painting with a pistol") and played football with Jacques Crozemarie, the jailed head of France's largest cancer charity. Loïk Le Floch-Prigent, the former chairman of the French rail network imprisoned on suspicion of corruption, taught him to play bridge.

In the evening, M Denard recalled, a voice could be heard shouting from the basement cells: "It's Carlos here. Carlos is wishing you good night." It was Ilich Ramírez Sánchez, alias Carlos the Jackal, the accused international terrorist.

"No one ever answered him," sniffed M Denard, bridge partner to captains of industry. Dogs of war have standards. They don't mix with Jackals.

Bob Denard: "I don't have the energy to go back to war"

Hair looms at the Opera

THE Paris Opera museum has just opened one of the stranger exhibitions of modern times which includes the beard of Saint-Saëns, who wrote Samson and Delilah, *and a lock of Berlioz's hair shaped into a question mark.*

The hirsute heritage of great French composers is part of a vast collection of artefacts gathered by music buffs in honour of their idols. These include Chopin's handkerchiefs, costumes of celebrated Victorian divas, Gounod's pipe, the spectacles worn by Massenet and a revolver that belonged to Beethoven. Saint-Saëns's beard, we are told, was clipped off on his deathbed by Gabriel, his valet, who left it to the Opera. The exhibition may not add a great deal to the art of opera, but proves that music fans of the last century were just as obsessive as those of the present.

I think, therefore I need therapy

VOLTAIRE wrote that philosophy would extinguish the "flames of superstition". But can it also soothe the troubled minds of Parisians fraught with 20th-century angst?

Carole Tresson, a young French philosopher, believes it can, and has just opened a "philosophy clinic", where the words of the great thinkers are being administered in varying doses to those racked by the meaning of life, or lack of it.

Psychology helps to answer the question "Why have I become what I am?" but philosophy, or rather *philothérapie*, tackles the yet more fundamental issue of "Why am I here?", Mme Tresson insists.

Her first patient went to Mme Tresson because, since retirement, he had lost all interest in life. He was not mentally ill, but rather assailed by doubts and cosmic uncertainties.

The philosopher placed him on a strict regimen of Aristotle and Plato and he has now completely recovered — so much so that he has enrolled himself in a course of philosophy at the Sorbonne.

Algerian militants murder bishop

By Ben Macintyre and Mark Huband

AN OUTSPOKEN French bishop was killed by a terrorist bomb at his home in Algeria on Thursday night, only hours after he welcomed the French Foreign Minister on a visit intended to improve relations between France and its former colony.

Mgr Pierre Claverie, 58, the Bishop of Oran, was murdered by suspected Muslim extremists when he returned from meeting Hervé de Charette. The Bishop's driver was also killed.

The French Government insisted yesterday that its determination to establish a closer relationship with Algeria would not be "blown off course" by terrorists trying to scupper French political and financial support for the military-dominated Government in Algiers. But the assassination is a serious blow.

Mgr Claverie was the fortieth French citizen and the most senior clergyman to die in Algeria's violence, and his murder has prompted new fears that Islamic militants may renew last year's bombing campaign on French soil.

Earlier, M de Charette was accompanied by Mgr Claverie as he laid a wreath at the graves of seven Trappist monks kidnapped and then murdered earlier this year by the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), the most militant of the factions fighting to oust the Algerian Government.

The GIA has cited French financial support for the Algerian Government as justification for killing French nationals. Its leader, Djamel Zitouni, who is believed to have ordered the monks' murder, was killed in an ambush last week.

Born in Algeria, the bishop strongly supported the Algerian struggle for independence. "The Church in Algeria is Algerian, not French. Our blood is mixed. We have chosen to share the fate of the Algerian people, for better or worse," he said after the murder of the monks in May.

President Yeltsin, left, is visited in hospital by Viktor Chernomyrdin after he had a heart seizure last year

Weary Yeltsin advised to take two months off

From Richard Beeston in Moscow

FURTHER doubts were cast on President Yeltsin's fitness to rule Russia for a second term when one of his closest aides suggested yesterday that the Kremlin leader needed two months off work to regain his strength.

Georgi Satarov, a senior Kremlin aide and one of the architects of the Russian leader's re-election victory last month, admitted that Mr Yeltsin was suffering "colossal fatigue" as a result of intensive campaigning.

"Intellectually he is, of course, in very strong form. But physically … he needs probably about two months to recover from overwork," Mr Satarov said in a lengthy interview in *Segodnya*.

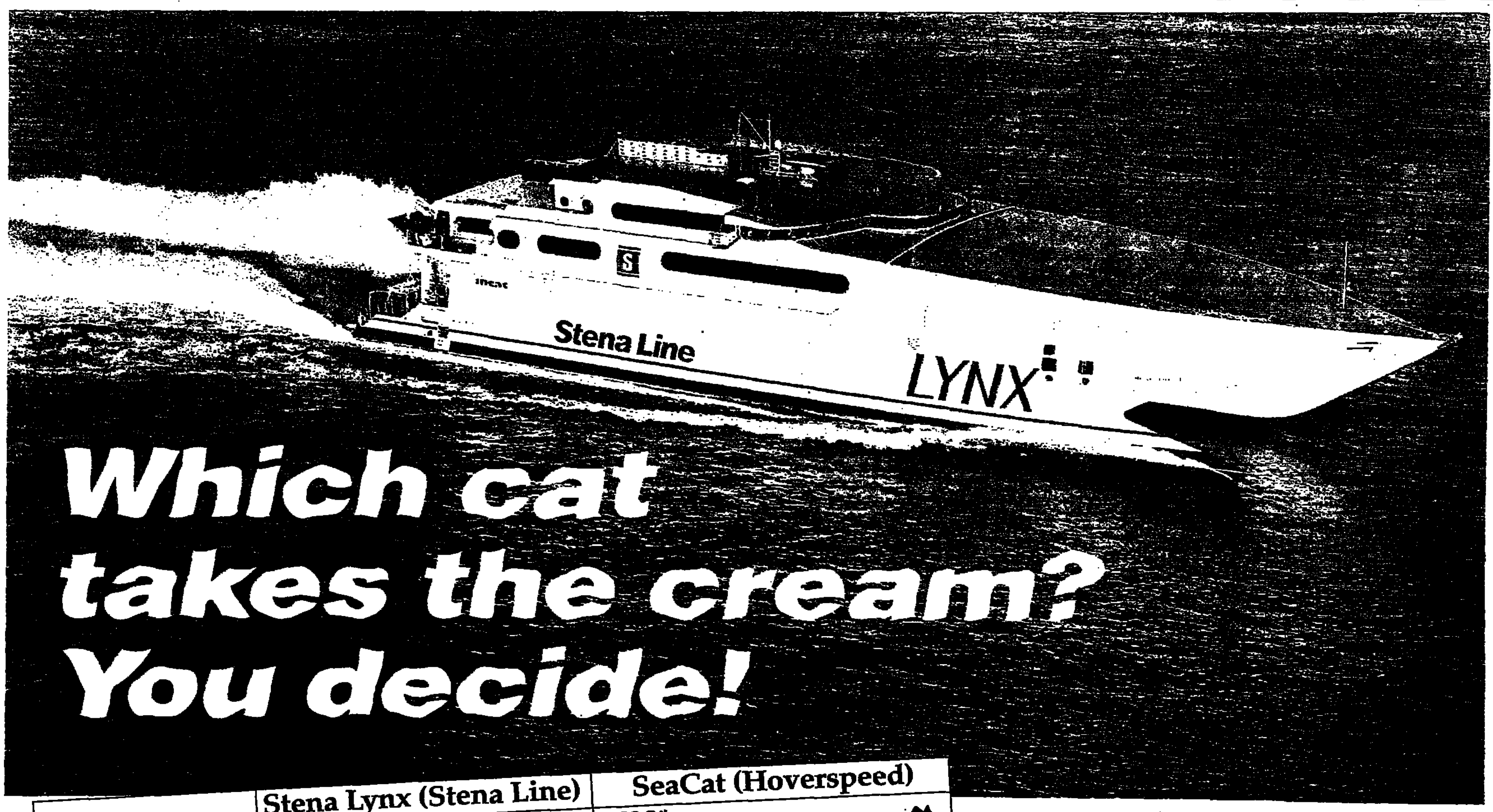
"He needs some rest. He needs to regain his strength," he said. "He is, after all, an old man. There is nothing you can do about that," he said.

This was one of the first times that a senior Kremlin figure has stated that something might be wrong with the Russian leader since he virtually disappeared from public view on the eve of his re-election on July 3. Mr Satarov added to speculation about the seriousness of the situation when he discussed the thorny question of succession. He said the three leading contenders were Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, General Aleksandr Lebed, the secretary of the Security Council, and Yuri Luzhkov, the Mayor of Moscow.

While Mr Yeltsin is regularly shown on television in short, edited items, he has become a virtual recluse at his country residence of Barvikha outside Moscow. Rumours circulating in the capital have suggested that his absence was caused by everything from drinking bouts to renewed heart problems, which led to two seizures last year.

Vyacheslav Nikonov, another Kremlin confidant, said that at this point it did not matter whether the Russian leader was seen in public or not. "Of course, he will appear on August 9 for his inauguration ceremony, but apart from that his work is done for the time being," he said. "He won the election and established the foundations of a stable Government. He has earned his rest, and like millions of Russians is taking a well-deserved holiday."

However, Russia is facing several crises which require strong leadership. A miners' strike over back pay, which began in the Far East last month, is spreading rapidly and could lead to a national strike next week. In Chechenia, peace efforts have all but broken down, with several Russian soldiers being killed every day. The Government's ability to act has been hampered by the power struggle between Mr Chernomyrdin and General Lebed over who will set policy priorities.



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Wee guide to the best of the worst

WEEK IN THE ARTS

RICHARD MORRISON

Thinking about making the journey north next weekend for the world's greatest cultural binge? No, not the annual pointy-ears competition of the Carlisle *Star Trek* Appreciation Society, you *satirical* bunch. I mean the Edinburgh Festival. Well, if you are — and especially if you aren't — this article is for you. Other journalists may promise "indispensable" festival guides to the best, the unmissable, the *incredible*. But only this column presents the really essential Edinburgh list: The Fringe Shows That You Almost Certainly Won't Want To See.

With thousands of hopeless hopefuls to choose from, our task was tough. Naturally we eliminated the obvious candidates: "hilari*ous*" revues by Cambridge medical students; pretentious teenage actresses tipped as "new Emma Thompsons" or any show billed as the "latest Celtic dance sensation". Nevertheless, we think we have 12 fringe shows with the potential to be world-class stinkers. Tell us if we are wrong. Or better still, don't. Life's too short.

All of our Eminently Missable Shows are bona fide entries, believe it or not, in this year's Edinburgh Fringe programme, from which all quotes are taken. My apologies to the performers concerned: I am sure your shows will turn out to be triumphs. It's just that they sound ghastly from the descriptions you give. Have *you ever* thought of employing a top professional writer like Jeffrey Archer to *pen your pre-show* publicity? Oh, I see — you did. Never mind, you can't win them all. Here are the Terrible Twelve:

● 1. *The Sanity of Trees*. This "multimedia installation" will ex*amine* "nature and humanity, and the nature of humanity" using the words of "*Finland's leading poet*". You don't have to be Finnish to enjoy it, but the consumption of a pint of vodka might help.

● 2. *Ned Sherrin and Friends*. The dinner party from hell seems to have escaped from Radio 4. Still, this daily chat show could have been worse. Nick Ross and Friends? Julia Carling and Friends? Thank heaven for Ned Sherrin, that's what I say.

● 3. *Live And Let Fry*. "Physical theatre and comedy attack gender stereotyping and normality". Just an average morning in the Church of England, then.

● 4. Aaaaaaaaaaaaaargh. Which is the *name* of a *company* so desperate for attention that it went to these bizarre lengths to be first in the Fringe Programme's alphabetical listing. Still, at least it succeeded. Spare a thought for the companies with equally daft *names that* were beaten into second, third and fourth places: the Aaaaaaaaaaa Late Show, the Aaa Panto, and the Aardvark Theatre Company.

● 5. *Indge — A Bulgarian Legend*. "The theatre department of the New Bulgarian University returns *to the Fringe* with a play in which the actors' unique movements create a borderline aesthetic form". Now that's something you don't often see in the West End.

● 6. *The Nearly Dead Shelf*. This new ballet "tracks a serial killer's remaining moments *on* Death Row". You have to admit it will make a change from *Swan Lake*. The company promises to leave audiences "battered and bruised". Lovely. Do we get to wear handcuffs as well?

● 7. Elektra-La-La. Among the inevitable "bold" interpretations of *theatrical classics in this year's* festival are the subtly-named *How To Get Screwed* ("What would happen to psychosis-ridden young offenders Hamlet and Ophelia in today's Britain?"), and, of course, that annual favourite, *Lady Macbeth Firmed My Buttocks* ("Shakespeare meets step aerobics"). But Elektra-La-La (which "transports Sophocles to the world of the homeless and the Internet in present-day Los Angeles") will surely be a front-runner in the race to win the 1996 Jonathan Miller Award for Pointless Updating.

● 8. *The House of Correction*. Apparently this is a "wild, crazy, American absurdist, neo-realist thriller". Or, as the critic from *Variety* wrote: "The evils of psychotic schizophrenia versus the even more ugly aspects of pretentious armchair liberalism is nothing short of hilarious." Er, if you say so, duckie. With rave reviews like that, who needs enemies?

● 9. *Scrying*. "A drama about women, ritual and suicide". I do like a light comedy, don't you? And here's another ...

● 10. *Trance*. "Severs the boundary between the imagination and the real world in a bizarre retelling of the Charles Manson family murders." And all done in the best possible taste, I'm sure. But as the *Chicago Tribune* warned ominously: "Not for the faint of heart or full of stomach."

● 11. *Am I Screaming Quietly?* "Have you ever wondered what toys would say if they could talk?" No, I can't say I've ever wondered that. But I bet it's kinky, otherwise it wouldn't be at the Edinburgh Fringe. *Why don't you tell us?* "The toys explore the apparently normal childhood of Jo and Lisa, but discover instead a tainted past." Yup, just as we thought.

● 12. *The Fathers That Begat Us*. "A spell-binding minimalist Polish *montage* enacting a midnight ritual in which the dead are raised from their graves." Gosh, all that and a guest appearance by Pamela Anderson as well! No, not really, chaps. I just thought the poor old Poles needed a bit of a boost at the box office. This could be the worst-attended show in the history of the Fringe — and that *takes some* doing.

BLUES

Hard axe to follow

Kenny Wayne Shepherd
The 100 Club

IT'S a long way from Shreveport, Louisiana, to London's Oxford Street. But Kenny Wayne Shepherd should be used to travelling now — both onwards and upwards. The *young guitarist has just spent* 20 weeks at the top of the *Billboard* blues charts with his impressive debut album, *Ledbetter Heights*.

His influences are apparent and, to his credit, he makes no attempt to hide them. Stevie Ray Vaughan is obviously his main man. But there was enough variety and inventiveness on display at the 100 Club to show he is an artist ready to build on, rather than ape, the heritage of the late Texas star.

Pencil thin, with a mane of blond hair, Shepherd looks even younger than his 19 years until he starts to play. Power chords pile on power chords in an instrumental cascade as he pounds his guitar, head swaying and hair flying, backed by cast-iron support from his four-piece backing band.

He opened with the New Orleans-flavoured instrumental title track of his album, *with its tricky second-line* rhythms, and showed from the start that this was a band that played and, but only occasionally, sang.

Back in the dance band era, 78s would carry the words "With Vocal Refrain" — and refrain is just what singer Corey Sterling *did* for *most* of the first half of the show. The *odd vocal chorus* would be *pitted* against the skills of the young *master*, but it was an unequal contest. Even when Sterling had a chance to shine on the Bukka White classic *Aberdeen*, the song changed a gear midway and we were soon heading for the heavy metal highway at full throttle.

By the end of the evening, you were wishing for a little of the restraint that Shepherd had shown earlier on. But that is only a minor criticism of a guitarist who still has the time and talent to scale *even* greater heights. Remember *the name; it's one* you will be hearing again and often.

JOHN CLARKE

THEATRE: Classy Ibsen revival confounds prejudices; *Tom Jones* on song

New ribbons on old hat

Hedda Gabler
Donmar

Until now the English Touring Company has had a reputation for taking decent, solid but not wildly *exciting stuff to decent, solid* but not wildly exciting towns; *so I hope its top brass will* forgive me for suspecting that the most memorable thing in Stephen Unwin's revival of *Hedda Gabler* was going to be Aunt Julia's hat.

As you may recall, this object materialises at the start of Ibsen's play. Boring old Julia leaves it on one of genteel Hedda's chairs, and Hedda *maliciously pretends* she thinks it is a second-hand bonnet *dumped there by* the maid. But here the slur is doubly provocative, for mile-high white feathers protrude from its base. Is this a grotesque parody of the headgear worn by Hermes in his winged messenger mode? Or is the hat actually about to *take flight and* kill *a bird* smaller than itself, such as an owl? Or are the feathers quill pens waiting for a poet titanic enough to compose an epic with them?

But then the production gets going, halting facetious rumination in its tracks. It is not just decent, not just solid, but decidedly classy. Thanks *largely to Kenneth McLeish's* simple, punchy translation and Unwin's adroit direction, the evening combines narrative clarity with pace. And thanks to the thoughtful skills of Alexandra Gilbreath's Hedda and the intelligence of those supporting her, I found myself looking at the play's key events in a new way.

Why does Hedda deliberately bait Lovberg, the would-be lover she years ago rejected, into going on an alcoholic spree? Why does she then pile *destruction on destruction*, burning the manuscript he has drunkenly mislaid and, as a last throw, giving him the pistol with which he kills himself? Most productions leave you with the feeling that ennui, impotence and contempt for the ordinary have combined to turn the potentially good in her to evil. Fiona Shaw, *the most striking of* recent Heddas, suggested all *that and went on to imply* that six months of honeymooning abroad with her unsuitable husband, Tesman, had finally pitched her into something akin to clinical madness.

But Crispin Letts is one of the least wet and most assertive Tesmans I have seen. *Neither a dull honeymoon nor* long-term ennui wholly explains why Gilbreath, a pale, aloof Hedda with a sort of precious sob built into her voice, goes so far over the top. No, the reason is also that Jonathan Phillips's vivid, sexy Lovberg is himself a bit of a *sadist*, and *makes it painfully* evident to her that his current *mistress*, Thea, is satisfactorily fulfilling all the roles she refused. He rubs it in by repeating the love-code he and Hedda once used — "absolute trust", "comrade in arms" — and thus activates the anger we have already sensed simmering beneath Gilbreath's *wincing surface. Her Hedda* wants revenge, and gets it.

Thus does a scene packed with subtle resentments give the rest of the play urgency and immediacy. That is a recommendation in itself, and *there are others in Unwin's* revival, notably Carol Starks's unusually *strong* and passionate Thea and David Killick's Judge Brack, a killer-dandy behind whose elegant morning suit and svelte *silver* moustache is a tough predator very clearly prepared to trans*form Hedda into his private* sex object. I shall never think of the English Touring Company so patronisingly again.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

MARILYN KINGWILL

Venom and vengeance: Crispin Letts as Tesman and Alexandra Gilbreath as Hedda

From Russia with verve

BBC PROMS

BBC SO/ Rozhdestvensky
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THE conductor Gennady Rozhdestvensky is a mercurial musician with one of the widest repertoires in the business, and few could have matched the way he went to the heart of three utterly different works in the span of Thursday's Prom. *His* programme with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, of which he was formerly chief conductor, contrasted Bruckner, Stravinsky and Schnittke in stimulating succession, each revealing another side of his impulsive temperament.

Impulsiveness is hardly the first quality that Bruckner *conductors need, and* Rozhdestvensky, who has played all the composer's symphonies in Russia, never let it obstruct the idiomatic flow in his performance of the Second Symphony. But it was turned to advantage: his tendency to live for each moment meant that the *blazing* ends of the outer movements crept up *excitingly. The Scherzo (and* its yodelling Trio) rolled along with vigour, but elsewhere Rozhdestvensky took an unhurried view of the music, emphasising its early Romantic roots. He received glowing playing from the orchestra.

Stravinsky's Capriccio for Piano and Orchestra came as a complete contrast. Its con*certo grosso-like groupings* within the orchestra place it firmly among the composer's Neo-Classical works, and although Tchaikovsky seems to cast a shadow in places, the piece remains one of the freshest from his middle period. The solo part, which Stravinsky wrote for himself to play, was dispatched here with clarity and spiky brilliance by Victoria Postnikova. The score mixes melancholy lyricism with high-spirited vigour, and *Rozhdestvensky* caught every mood.

He also turned up as arranger of the final item: a suite from Schnittke's film score *Dead Souls*, receiving its first London performance. Inspired by Gogol's classic, it is full of grotesque irony. It is *also* patchy, but the best is worthy of Prokofiev's and *Shostakovich's cinematic* efforts. One of Schnittke's 60-*or-so movie scores*, it includes rousing dances, a march in Soviet military style and numerous effects: the orchestra includes a battery of percussion, organ, harpsichord and two metronomes. Rozhdestvensky was lively *and* also played to the crowd with *overstated, typically Russian* antics — much like the last night of the Proms, but more fun.

JOHN ALLISON

Merry musical debauchery

Tom Jones
Theatre Royal, York

HENRY FIELDING's bawdy satirical novel is wonderfully rumbustious. The adventures of his Somerset rake are always game for spirited adaptations. Here the Theatre Royal's multitalented troupe — applauded *for their Moll Flanders* last summer — take *the* bull by the horns with a sense of fun and style. They are staging Fielding's episodic epic as a musical.

John Doyle's nine-strong company juggle characters, instruments and theatrical inventiveness. Jeremy Harri*son's Tom*, losing his virginity, toots away on his trombone as Molly (frisky Elizabeth Marsh) rolls around at his feet. Before you can say "Jack Robinson", our roving foundling has moved on to twanging a guitar, plucking a *double* bass and singing a romantic duet with his devoted sweetheart Sophia (fiddle-playing Emma Kershaw).

George Stiles's score is mer*rily eclectic*, arranged by *Kate* Edgar with everything to hand from bodhrans to alto saxes slung over springy hooped bustles. The best tunes echo period airs and operatic arias. The soft-rock numbers are less successfully integrated and too slushy for Fielding.

The key pleasure of Doyle's adaptation is the preservation of the novel's narrative voice. The company chorus us through the chapters — "Part the First" and so on — at a *gallop, racing us round* wayside hostelries then town houses, and up and down two staircases. They poke their heads through curtains and picture frames, pulling hideous faces.

Fielding's rogues and wenches, envisaged by design*er Jessica Tyrwhitt*, might be punky elves. Tom's snooty rival Blifil has corkscrewing blue hair. The country folk are also barnyard beasts. Squire Western is bewigged like a greasy ram. The maid at the *inn stomps off like a retarded* hen, legs stiff, chin sunk on chest, a tuft of feathers sticking out of her otherwise bald pate. Whitened faces with dark streaks round the eyes give a whiff of grotesque *diseases while* the purer Sophia has a hint of Columbine.

However, Harrison is a *mildly disappointing hero*. He fails to *sizzle* with sex appeal. The ladies outshine the gents here, including Mike Afford who transforms *himself into a* delightful drag landlady, simply tying a ballooning lacy skirt under his armpits and primping lightly. Some of the singing needs sharpening. The production runs out of steam and the closing plot twists concerning Tom's parentage could be tidier. But en route we are shown a good time.

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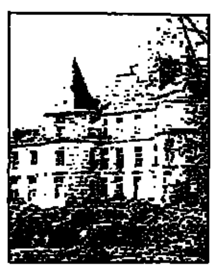

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Sleeping beauties of France

Marcus Binney on the historic châteaux in need of reawakening

More than 200 fine British country houses are falling gracefully into ruin. I know, as I chronicled dozens of them in a weekly column called Heap of the Week in *The Times*. The houses are victims of government apathy. Parliament has provided a battery of legislation to protect our heritage, but until recently ministers have failed to use it.

Does France have the same problem, I wondered? Guided by Philippe Seydoux, an art historian who has published two dozen handy guides to châteaux in northern France, I set out to find the answer — and discovered a chain of problem châteaux, some simply empty, a few badly decayed and others nearing collapse.

The first stop was Villers-sous-Saint-Leu, north of Paris, a delightful mansarded stone château with the roof falling in. Next came a real sleeping beauty, Verderonne, set deep in a beautiful English-style park and complete with moat and pepperpot towers. Neglected but not yet crumbling, it begged to be turned into a comfortable château hotel.

Sadder still was Beaucamps-le-Jeune near Abbèville, snapped up by English speculators when the Channel Tunnel got the go-ahead. Through the centuries, this delightful 16th-century manor had expanded around a large courtyard garden to become a seminary. If serious repairs are not begun soon, the best parts will be rubble.

A bigger problem was Méréville, "the most beautiful landscaped park of the late 18th century", bought by Japanese speculators for a golf course and now abandoned. The grounds abound with ornamental bridges and elaborate grottoes. The château was boarded up but not vandalised. The minister of culture is looking for a new owner. But with a landscape of this importance, it is his department which should take it on and open it to the public.

> ‘I discovered some houses that were empty and others close to collapse’

These, however, were the exceptions. The other empty châteaux I saw, unlike so many of their British counterparts, had sound roofs and were windproof and watertight.

Vaux, south of Troyes, stands at the end of a three-mile avenue. Abandoned since 1935, it was eventually bought by the psychiatrist Philippe Vallery-Radot, whose widow has sensitively converted the wings for the "family" of 36 mentally handicapped girls she looks after. Monuments Historiques is putting the finishing touches to the smartest tin roof I have ever seen, tailored like a tea cosy to fit round each dormer window and keep the house dry.

Just up the road is Villemartin. From the map it looks blighted beyond hope by a new autoroute. In fact the traffic impinges surprisingly little, its noise drowned by a mill race beside the stable courtyard. This is an ideal candidate for conversion into self-contained houses and cottages — if only the local distillery which owns the place would sell.

West into Normandy, the Château de Tonville was the *Marie Celeste* of those I visited: immaculate yet deserted amid avenues of noble trees. It was bequeathed to the *département* as an old people's home. Now a legal dispute has arisen over plans to to sell it.

Nearby, Saint-Aubin de Cretot stands at the end of an overgrown avenue with its steel shutters closed. A farmer occupies the outbuildings but the château cries out for use.

At Sées in south Normandy, the vast and imposing Bishop's Palace beside the Gothic cathedral stands empty, with weeds growing in the main courtyard. But the *département* and Monuments Historiques have moved in to carry out extensive repairs while a new use is sought.

Finally came the great château of the Duke de Cars, at Sourches near Le Mans, bought by a Japanese couple who acquired a string of large houses on both sides of the Channel and, when the funds ran out, sold off the panelling and chimneypieces.

In Britain we have long tended to take a superior attitude. Our country houses are better looked after, more lived-in and still furnished, we say. In France, we fondly believe, all châteaux were pillaged in the revolution and since then every set of chairs has been divided equally among the children, because there is no system of primogeniture.

The reality is different. First, the French have many more châteaux than Britain has stately homes. The *Annuaire des Châteaux* of 1888 lists 40,000 château owners, compared to the Historic Houses Association estimate of 10,000 country seats in the whole of the British Isles in 1900.

In Britain vast numbers of country houses have been demolished: more than 2,000 since 1870, according to the historian John Harris.

In France I have found a different pattern. Of more than 100 châteaux, large and small, photographed at random for *Country Life* by Frederick Evans in 1906-07, just one has gone — and that was in the middle of the battlefield of the Somme.

The main difference is that most French châteaux sit in much smaller estates. British families have often chosen to keep the land rather than the house. In France, the château is the prized possession. The most crucial difference of all is that thanks to tougher government policies in France, there is less prospect of developers obtaining lucrative permission to build in the grounds.

In Britain, speculators believe that houses actually increase in value as they decay, and that planners will eventually give them a fat chunk of development land to make restoration viable.

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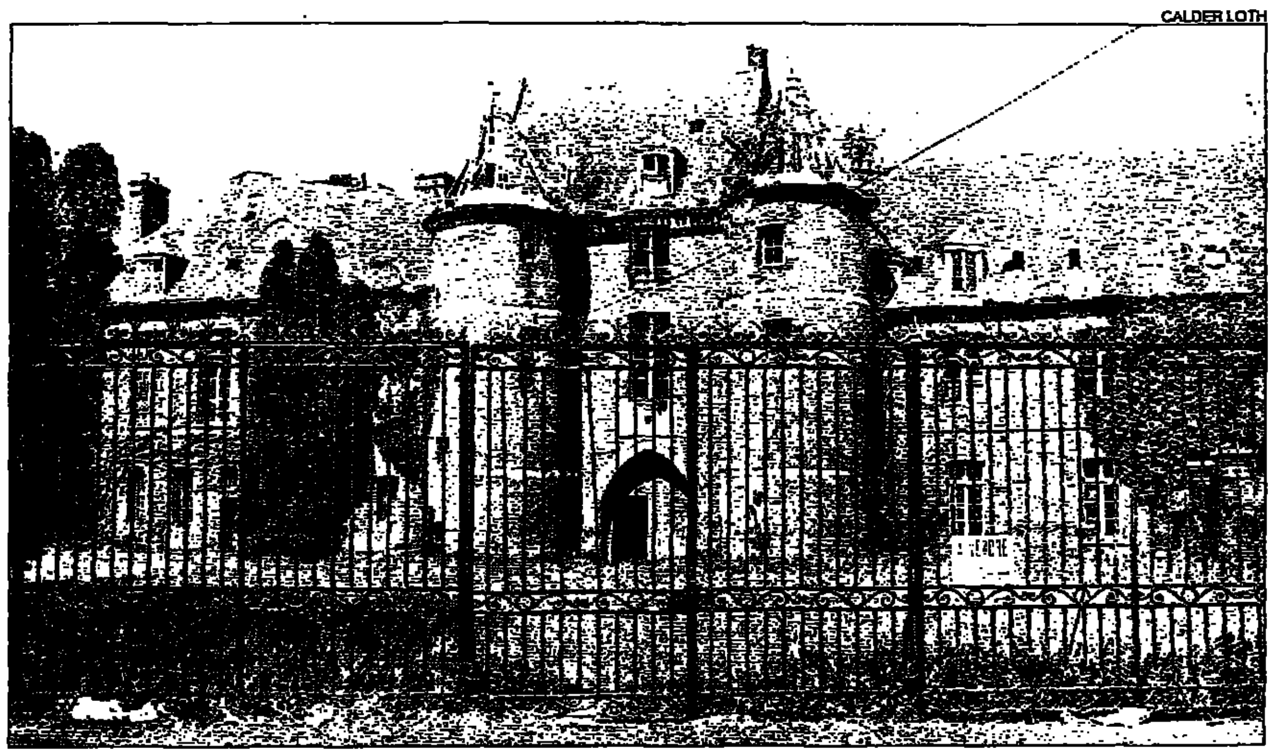

Beaucamps-le-Jeune near Abbèville, a magnificent 16th-century château that has fallen into a serious state of decay

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

JOHN WARD

Age: 29

Profession: Singer-songwriter and guitarist on the folk and acoustic circuit.

Positive noises: The press has greeted Ward as a highly original, slightly quirky performer of maturity and depth. "One of my strengths," Ward says, "is that I range right across from blues to mainstream sounds." His latest album, though it does not do justice to the vibrancy of his live gigs, is *Water On The Stone* on the ION label.

Sightings: Ward will be at London's top roots venue, the Weavers in Islington, on August 18. Between concerts he can be found wandering the lanes around Lowestoft, where he lives "between wheat fields and the sea", 12 miles from where he was born.

How did he happen upon the folk scene? Ward began as a rock guitarist, plugging away in teenage bands. Finally he stepped through the door of the Lowestoft Folk Club. "I was instantly enthralled," he remembers. "I didn't know anything about this music. Back at home I had one Pete Seeger LP that had been bought for me as a child because it had *Little Boxes* on it. I put it on for the first time since I was four and discovered all these other songs. I thought straight away, 'This is what I want to play.' Folk music," he adds, "seemed more subtly rebellious than rock'n'roll. The lyrics are more exposed. Things are said that you wouldn't say in pop songs."

Bugbears: "That a few people at the top are fabulously wealthy, while the majority struggle," says Ward, echoing the social comment in his songs. "And another thing," he adds, "Neat gardens."

Passions: Nature — he was a birdwatcher as a boy — and photography. "But my main love is performing live," he says. "Music is all I've ever wanted to do."

Roughing it: When first starting out, eager to get work at folk fests, the young Ward headed excitedly for Whitby, having wangled a ticket for the festival campsite. The river flooded. His tent was awash. Ward simultaneously ran out of money. He survived the week by staring hopefully at people's snacks in the local pub. He was then fined for sleeping in the car park.

On himself: "I guess," he says with a little smile, "I'm quite tenacious. And I'm optimistic. Most of the time."

KATE BASSETT

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Ancient blooms that never fade

Isabel Carlisle

on a show of 17th-century Dutch flower painting at Dulwich

If you think that Dutch flower painting is decorative but dull, a backwater of European art, prepare to reconsider. Dulwich Picture Gallery has *put* together the first international loan exhibition of Dutch flower painting to be held in this country and offers a fascinating chronology of its evolution and a new discovery — possibly the best work in the show.

Where flower painting came from, and why it was embraced with such enthusiasm by Dutch artists and the public in the 17th century, is something of a mystery. There were a few paintings of flowers in the previous 50 years, mainly in Italy, but nothing that heralded an imminent craze. The 17th century also witnessed the birth of the new genres of landscape, still life and scenes of everyday life. Across Western Europe religious painting was elbowed aside in a revolution in taste that had profound consequences for Western art.

By 1600, when Dutch flower paintings took off, flowers were established as luxury objects in Europe, imported first from the Levant and then cultivated in Holland and elsewhere. Striped tulips were the *ne plus ultra* of horticultural desire, a desire that in Holland translated itself it into economic speculation. In the mid-1620s, prices for bulbs began to spiral upwards and over the next 15 years went sky high. A single bulb of the red-on-white striped *Semper Augustus* tulip sold for the equivalent today of £250,000. In February 1637, prices crashed and tulip fanciers faced ruin, but Dutch flower painting survived and went from strength to strength.

From the very beginning artists such as Ambrosius Bosschaert, Jan Breughel and Roelandt Savery strove for an almost photographic realism. They relied for their effects on unnatural lighting, theatrical shadows and the virtuoso details of gems, dewdrops and insects. The dark, almost black, backgrounds and the brightly lit flowers create an unreal world, existing outside space and time. The blooms are perfect despite the advancing caterpillars; the frog and lizard beneath Savery's vase of flowers obligingly pose one on either side. Although the roses, irises and tulips glow with colour, these early attempts are suffocatingly constrained.

In the 1620s Balthasar van der Ast, who lived in Delft and could just possibly have been Vermeer's teacher, relaxes the conventions. He puts flowers in a basket and strews them over the table-top, together with red currants and cherries. He intimates a context by painting the reflection of a window in the curved glass of a vase and paints shells with as much delicacy as petals. It is a pointer towards the sensuous potential of flower painting, a sheer delight in shapes and colours unhampered by any need to convey a narrative or moral message. Anthony Claesz is one of the first to discover this in a painting of 1642 of sultry browns and reds, with the atmosphere of an impending thunderstorm.

In the latter part of the century De Heem was the most celebrated of the flower painters. His *Cartouche of Fruit and Flowers with a Portrait of Prince William of Orange* dazzles with the sheer complexity of creating a frame for the royal bust out of a pair of eagles, each holding a mother of pearl cornucopia from which spill grapes, oranges and vegetables and a lower swag of flowers draped over a submissive lion. Other artists were less formal and, in loosening up, approach a pitch of baroque inventiveness that is flower painting at its best.

Floral dance: *Flower Still Life* by Willem van Aelst is on show at Dulwich Picture Gallery

Willem van Aelst, Elias van den Broeck and Simon Verelst may not be names to conjure with in the 1990s, but one visit to this exhibition is enough to make them memorable. The groups of flowers have a sculptural three-dimensionality, with bright orange marigolds and deep blue morning glories carefully placed to create internal visual drama. The compositions become daringly diagonal and stems curve upwards while blooms hang down in attitudes of abandon. These paintings are as incisive as any portrait, and twice as flattering.

For me, it was Simon Verelst, not the later and better known Jan van Huysum, who was the discovery of the exhibition. His pictures are so obsessively perfect in every detail that it is not surprising that he suffered from *folies de grandeur* in which he called himself the King of the Flowers and tried to arrange a meeting with Charles II. A latecomer to the exhibition, in my view the best of all the paintings, was identified as a Verelst as the show opened.

The catalogue, by Paul Taylor, who curated the exhibition, also deserves a mention as the most readable to accompany any show for a long time.

● Dutch Flower Painting, 1600-1750 *is at Dulwich Picture Gallery until September 29, sponsored by Aon Artscope, De Brauw Blackstone Estbroek, Loyens & Volkmaars, MeesPierson, Noortman (London Ltd)*

Hytner back to the boards

JUST when it seemed that the cinema had snapped him up forever, erstwhile opera and stage director **Nicholas Hytner** (*The Madness of King George*) will return to the National Theatre in January to direct the world premiere of Irish dramatist **Martin McDonagh's** *The Cripple of Inishmaan*. By that point, Hytner's eagerly awaited film of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* — starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Winona Ryder, Joan Allen and Paul Scofield — will have been released in America, where it is tipped as a hot prospect for an Oscar.

BASE NOTES

● LIKE tennis aces and gymnasts, American music stars just keep on getting younger. The latest prodigy is **LeAnn Rimes**, a 13-year-old country singer from Jackson, Mississippi, whose album *Blue* is at No 3 in the American charts, just two weeks after release. The LP will be out in Britain on the Curb label on August 27.

● **Bob Hoskins** returns to the London stage for the first time in 14 years when he heads up the autumn West End premiere of American dramatist **Jon Marans's** *Old Wicked Songs*, directed by **Elijah Moshinsky**. Hoskins will open in the two-hander at the Bristol Old Vic in October before heading to London the next month.

● REHEARSALS begin on December 3 in New York for **Sam Mendes's** American theatrical debut — an off-Broadway production of *Cabaret*, with **Natasha Richardson** as Sally Bowles and **Alan Cumming** as the MC. The production, with choreography by **Matthew Bourne**, will open on February 7 at The Supper Club, a venue intended to recreate the Kit Kat Klub environment in Manhattan as Mendes's own Donmar Warehouse did several seasons back in London.

● THE **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra** will play a gala at the Albert Hall on September 15 to celebrate its fiftieth birthday. The orchestra was founded by Sir Thomas Beecham in September 1946. Four conductors (Menuhin, Temirkanov, Maxwell Davies, Arwel Hughes) and an array of distinguished soloists will perform a programme that includes many Beecham favourites. Profits will go to the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children.

● AN auction of pop memorabilia will take place at Christie's on September 5. The highlight will be the third and final part of the **Cynthia Lennon** Collection, including John and Cynthia's four-poster bed. The Beatles figure strongly with such diverse items as The Beatles' *Yeah Yeah Yeah* magnetic hair game and a full set of Beatles long-eating liquorice records, once available at 10 cents a box (and now expected to fetch between £800-£1,200).

● COMPOSER **James MacMillan**, whose first full-scale opera will be performed at the Edinburgh Festival this month, is to be honoured with the unveiling of a new portrait to coincide with the premiere of *Ines de Castro*. The portrait, by Calum Colvin, will be on show at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery.

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CHANGING TIMES

Richard Shone, impressed by a new exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery, considers attempts to capture writers on canvas

Recording the master's likeness

"I hate your coming: I can't abide sitting." Such was Tennyson's unpropitious greeting to Hubert van Herkormer when he arrived at the poet's home on the Isle of Wight to take the great man's likeness. For someone who hated sitting to artists and photographers, Tennyson must have indeed suffered, for he is one of the most profusely portrayed writers of the last century. He was most memorably recorded in photographs by Julia Margaret Cameron despite the fact that her subjects were impelled to sit still for what seemed like an eternity. Tennyson cavilled at the public exposure the published photographs entailed, complaining that innkeepers doubled their charges as soon as they saw him coming. Nor, he added, did he like the bags under his eyes (fortunately for us, Mrs Cameron was a notorious un-retoucher).

We find here all the elements that have run through the recording of writers with brush, pencil or lens. From the subjects' viewpoint there was, on the one hand, an abhorrence of personal publicity — there was something vulgar about seeing oneself in the illustrated papers; on the other, an image helped to boost sales, gave the public a face with which to identify. From the recorders' point of view, the snaring of a "celebrity" was a coup and might lead to glittering commissions. Muddying the waters in between were ruffled vanity, haggling over fees, importunate painters and wearied sitters.

To photograph a writer is usually a less fraught and time-consuming business than to paint one. *Literati*, the exhibition of photographs of writers by Mark Gerson which has just opened at the National Portrait Gallery, suggests a comfortable rapport between the photographer and his subjects. We find an off-duty world of beaming novelists and convivial poets from Waugh and Murdoch to Ishiguro and A.N. Wilson. They have put their best foot forward, and if one or two look a little haggard and others mildly preoccupied, most smile obligingly. That the photographs were taken for publicity in the press explains the general air of pleasant relaxation, even to Muriel Spark shopping in Peckham Rye.

MARK GERSON

Gerson's *Poets at Faber & Faber Party*, 1960: Spender, Auden, Hughes, Eliot and MacNeice

To be painted for a portrait is quite a different matter, as many of the surrounding works at the gallery testify: portraiture has run out of steam and most images are mediocre or routine or, the artist trying to make a splash, end up as wilfully eccentric. But aesthetic considerations are not always the point and for likenesses of some of our greatest writers (Shakespeare above all) we rely on works by amateur or justly unknown hands. That little sketch on ivory by Cassandra Austen is all we have of her sister. Some authors never came within the orbit of an artist: others were naturally retiring. But even they — Charlotte Brontë for example — could be persuaded to sit if their publisher (as in her case) was sufficiently pressing. The fact that Virginia Woolf hated an artist's scrutiny of her face perhaps lies behind her tart refusal to be drawn for the Portrait Gallery's collection. "They send round a wretched boy to draw one in one sitting; then they keep the drawing in a cellar, and when I've been dead ten years they have it out and say 'Does anyone want to know what Mrs Woolf looked like?' 'No', say all the others. Then it's torn up."

But some writers positively wallow in the attentions of the painter and photographer — the faces of Bernard Shaw, Edith Sitwell and Somerset Maugham are known throughout the world. Even Henry James, who sat for Sargent in 1913, purred with satisfaction. — "I am really quite ashamed to admire it so much and so loudly," he told a friend — "it's so much as if I were calling attention to my own fine points. I don't, alas, exhibit a 'point' in it, but I am all large and luscious rotundity — by which you may see how true a thing it is."

James liked his portrait at once. When in 1949 Graham Sutherland painted his world-famous neighbour in France, Somerset Maugham, Maugham was not allowed to see the picture until it was completed. Sutherland provided some bracing champagne at a studio private-viewing. Maugham soon recovered from his initial shock — "I was really stunned. Could this face really be mine?" — and came greatly to admire it. And by this one work, Sutherland was launched as an international portraitist. Only Maugham's old friend, Sir Gerald Kelly, remained sceptical: "To think that I have known Willie since 1902 and have only just recognised that, disguised as an old madame, he kept a brothel in Shanghai!"

Much depends on a writer's friends, on his or her availability, on some feeling for art, if posterity is to view him or her through a distinguished eye. In Britain, painters and writers rarely meet. Our leading figurative artists favour fellow practitioners over writers, and commissioned portraits have all the unpredictability of a *mariage de convenance*. Sympathy and friendship seem the best bet — T.S. Eliot by Wyndham Lewis or W.H. Auden by Coldstream are striking portraits that are also works of art. But if marriages of this kind are out of the question, then a date with Mark Gerson and his camera is the next best thing.

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Where will the people go?

Paul Barker wants planners to adopt Victorian values

The market towns of England are bursting at the seams. The most extreme example, perhaps, is Banbury. Since the M40 snaked through the Oxfordshire countryside, the pressure to build more and more houses has left the relics of the old town stranded, like a dying turtle on Bikini beach, amid the new brickwork. It is such a handy place for Birmingham or London.

Banbury is not alone. Every big city is now ringed by towns and villages which once were little rural jewels but which are now encrusted with estates of "executive homes".

The latest alarm signal comes from the Town and Country Planning Association. This week it published its national inquiry into housing pressures. *The People — Where Will They Go?* echoes a question posed, almost a hundred years ago, by Ebenezer Howard, the founding father of the Garden Cities and New Towns movements.

For Howard, the trouble lay in the soot-encrusted squalor of the old industrial city. Agriculture, meanwhile, was in depression. Answer: shift the people from the city on to cheap, underused farmland.

Now it is the flight from the cities that seems unstoppable. Money has been poured in but people and businesses wish to get out. Once, it was thought that a Green Belt around cities would limit their growth. It didn't work. The city just jumped across. So, for example, Oxford has become the new Hampstead. Its intelligentsia take the train to Paddington, in the way that classic Hampsteadites used to catch the Northern Line.

Planners sometimes seem like Canute's courtiers. The flow of populations is hard to hold back. And the forecasts are so often wrong. Thus, the white-elephant Humber bridge was intended to link the two halves of a projected new city, "Humberopolis". This was going to mop up the baby-boom population growth of the 1960s. Came the Pill; the birth trend dipped. No such city was needed.

Today, the British population is barely replacing itself. Divorce breaks up families. Working women put off having children. Without immigration and the high birthrate of migrant families, the population would be falling.

But we can't all lie back and relax. As people get richer (as, on the whole, they do), they want bigger houses and out of town, rather than in. There are also more people on their own. Some are elderly; some are getting away from their parents; some of them are between marriages or partnerships.

If you project these trends forward (despite the warning of Humberopolis), you will end up with half of southern England covered with brick. The Department of the Environment last year claimed that England would have to build 4.4 million extra homes over the next 25 years, provoking the panic headline that we would need "27 new Milton Keyneses".

A pokerwork motto should be nailed up in every planning office: "Present Trends May Not Continue". There is an analogy with cinema-going. Up to the mid-1980s, ticket sales in Britain were dropping like a stone. Then the purpose-built multiplex was invented. Cinema attendances may never get back to the multi-millions of their heyday but they are currently rising very nicely.

> Town planners sometimes seem like Canute's courtiers

So what is to be done about house-building? Some things simply have to be accepted. The English countryside is more and more of an artefact. Hardly anyone in it has any real rural function. If people prefer this to city life, we cannot easily stop them. Attempts to push the population back towards the cities can be as damaging as the alternatives. In the recent campaign to turn the tide, many houses have been built on green spaces *within* cities — such as playing fields. No wonder we do so badly in the Olympics.

But Ebenezer Howard was a wise old bird. Even though circumstances have changed, his solution is flexible enough to revive. The New Towns may be derided by metropolitan critics, but the best of them provide thousands of modest, pleasant homes. We don't need 27 new cities, but some well-sited new towns — new Banburys for the 21st century — would ease the present pressures. Which party will have the creative radicalism to put this into its manifesto?

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Pleasure is the only point

Simon Barnes

pleads for a sense of proportion in the great Olympic post mortem

The great summer of sport began with the "feel-good" factor. Now the nation moves to the season's closing ceremony in the grip of the "feel-bad" factor. This has been the worst Olympic Games for Great Britain since 1952, when the country won a single gold for show-jumping: conclusive proof that Britain is an old bitch gone in the teeth, a botched civilisation.

Odd to think that just a few weeks ago, Britain was the greatest country on earth, a plucky little nation of great traditions dishing it out left and right to Johnny Foreigner.

It began with the European football championships, with England reaching the semi-finals where they played well before being beaten on penalties. It continued with, of all things, Wimbledon, where for once we had a fortnight free of losing-Brit jokes. Tim Henman, a gangling schoolboy with the eyes of an assassin, reached the quarter-finals and had the country in the grip of Henmania.

Then to the Olympic Games. In each of the previous four Olympics — Moscow, Los Angeles, Seoul, Barcelona — Britain won five gold medals. It seemed fair to expect such a haul this time. But as I write these words, on a humid and overcast Atlanta morning, Britain has but a single gold: contributed by a pair of giants by the name of Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, who are rather good at rowing.

Only one! And the national weathercock, hit once again by the hurricanoes of sport, whirls helplessly round to point the opposite way, to gloom, misery and despair.

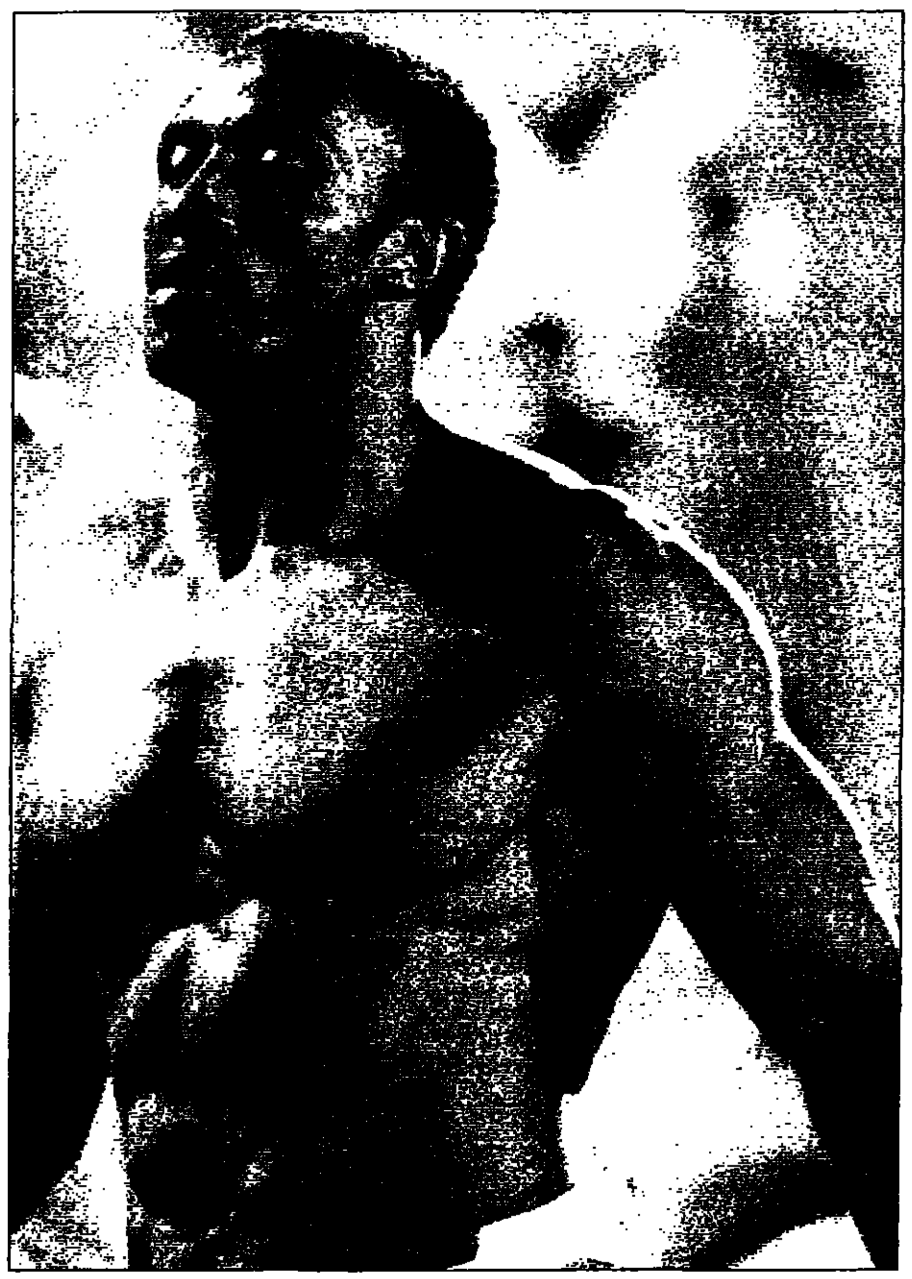
This is silly. It is also the life-blood of sport. Sport is heaven and hell: feast and famine. Sport is not good in grey areas, but then it doesn't have very many. That is what the — not terribly subtle — pleasures of sport are all about.

Sport is also about minute measurements. You need a micrometer to measure the gap between glory and anguish. Last Saturday, Britain's Olympic expectations were at their highest. Consider these measurements, and, if you must, what they show about the nature of British civilisation: 14 thousandths of a second, a quarter of an inch, and six inches.

The first is the amount of time by which Linford Christie quite literally jumped the gun in the final of the 100 metres. This inifinitesimal error — an error of boldness — gave him his second false start, and disqualification. This set the tone for national depression.

The quarter of an inch was the distance by which Jonathan Edwards, the triple-jumper, stepped beyond the board in his penultimate leap. It was a bit of a quantum leap, too: it looked good enough to win. But being a foul, it was not measured, and the gold was gone.

Edwards is a quirky fellow, as well as a stand-up-and-be-counted Christian. Some like to say that his performance depends on which chapter of Leviticus he has read that morning; but last Saturday, it all came down to Numbers. Or vulgar fractions, anyway.



The face of British sport: Linford Christie bows out of the 100 metres in Atlanta

The cruellest fraction of all was the half-a-foot that separated Lynn Simpson from a gold medal in the white-water canoe slalom that same day. Simpson is one of those athletes we celebrate once every four years, when they emerge from their caves of obscurity and come blinking into the Olympic daylight.

Simpson is very tough, very Yorkshire, a world champion, and her father made her first canoe at night school. She is, in short, an archetype of British life. And fast: she beat the field home in the Olympic competition by eight seconds, or by a country kilometre.

But the judges said she missed gate 11 by a whisker, and that decision sent her back from first place to 21st. "I turned six inches too early," she said afterwards. These are judgments and measurements about the thickness of a fag-paper, and from such timings and decisions come the heaven and hell of sport.

These are the facts behind the results. Do these vulgar fractions say anything relevant beyond sport? Is this bad luck, the rub of the green, individual failure? Is the country forever a fag-paper away from greatness? And does it, for that matter, matter?

The rulers of this country have traditionally had an equivocal attitude to sport: happy to be associated with success, quick to remove themselves from failure. Anything like State interference — or for that matter, coherent policy — has been frowned on. Sport is not really our business: that is the message. Sport is undignified.

Many other countries have considered sport of colossal national importance: emphatically the business of government. The Soviet sporting machine was the most considerable example, the East German, the most ruthless.

China still operates a State-financed system of elitism. This reached its peak at the world swimming championships in 1994, when 12 of 16 women's titles were won by the Chinese. Chinese swimmers have also had 19 positive drugs tests since 1991. What does a nation get from such triumphs, such disasters? Hard to quantify: but one thing is clear. To China, sport matters.

And it matters to Britain, or at least, to the British. At such times of sporting failure, it is time, not to bewail Britain's slump on the international machismo stock exchange, but to work out what we actually want from sport and its practitioners. Mere success? Perfect elitism?

Bear in mind the fact that bunging money at a sport does not bring instant success. The Wimbledon tennis tournament makes a fortune, which all goes to the development of the British game. Tennis gets more than three times as much money as the rest of all the governing bodies of sport put together receive from the Sports Council, and there are more than 100 of them. Henman apart, tennis has for years been a disaster area.

It is not true that the official coddling of athletes is an aspect of totalitarian government. The United States has the college system. Certainly, this is open to abuses and corruption. It is in many cases, quite ruthless. It is also a system that allows many elite athletes to reach their potential. In the United States, sport is a serious matter.

The British system, if it can be dignifed by such a name, is better at depth than elitism. British track and field performers are really quite good in an awful lot of events: British teams do well in the European Cup: they are much less of a factor at the Olympic Games. In judo, the team spirit is wonderful, and few countries have so many good performers of both sexes at so many weights. But only one British fighter got near a medal: Nicola Fairbrother was beaten in the bronze medal bout.

The question never asked is what we — as a nation, as individuals — actually want from all this sport. John Major, who rightly finds sports and athletes more amusing and edifying than politics and politicians, has the key within his grasp, but even he lacks the simplicity of mind to turn it in the lock.

And the answer is pleasure. Pleasure for those who do it, and for those who watch it. It really is as simple as that. And national pleasure, even about trivial stuff like sport, is not entirely a trivial matter. It is worth taking some thought for. And getting it right.

It is true that this has been, by a series of fractions and disasters and injuries, a poor Olympic Games for this country. It is also true that these things are cyclical, and that champions will come again. Breast-beating about the national character, and whether not "we" have lost the will to win, are rather beside the point.

The perceived disaster provides an opportunity for each sport to reassess its methods: for those in power to contemplate a considerable national pleasure; for us all to think for a moment about the meaning of sport. For there are two serious errors one can make about sport. One is to think that it is important; the other is to think that it is unimportant.

Simon Jenkins is away.

THE TIMES DIARY

Africa hand

ZULUS are soon to have a touch of Berkeley Square in their midst as John Aspinall, zoo keeper, lion-hugger and gambler prepares to open a casino in KwaZulu/Natal.

The local gaming board still has to approve the project, but the venture is a natural extension of Aspinall's close friendship with Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party. Aspinall is a keen admirer and financial supporter of the Zulus and believes Nelson Mandela's ANC to be a grave threat to the tribe's noble culture and traditions. Chief Buthelezi even took time off in the middle of the recent municipal elections in KwaZulu/Natal to attend Aspinall's flashy 70th birthday party in London.

"Yes, I'm picking up the Oasis concert too"

This latest venture is not Aspinall's first sally into the expanding South African market. Last year, backed by his gambling buddies Sir James Goldsmith and Kerry Packer, he bid to develop an area around Durban.

Even if the project does come to nothing, which is highly unlikely, Aspinall need hardly be concerned. He can always retire to the Citizen Kane splendour of his estate near Cape Town, where springboks stroll by as lunch is taken in the cool shadow of Table Mountain.

● *Missing in transit: a vast container of books belonging to the Museum of London. Curators expecting the shipment from Chicago found themselves unpacking instead a consignment of transmitters addressed to the Royal Saudi Air Force. Pilots in Riyadh are no doubt struggling to make sense of a job lot of history books and photographs picked up by the museum at the Chicago book fair.*

That's my boy

CHARLIE Kray, who has been charged with plotting to peddle £78 million-worth of cocaine, is remembered fondly by teachers at Daneford School, Bethnal Green, for the manner in which he brought up his late son Gary.

In the 1970s, he used to drive Gary to the school in a Plymouth car of the variety favoured by gangsters. "Gary was a fastidious pupil, immaculately turned out, exemplary behaviour," remembers one old boy who led him through the three Rs. "He brought a Gideon Bible to school every day. Not for use as a missile but for reflection and meditation."

In for a penny

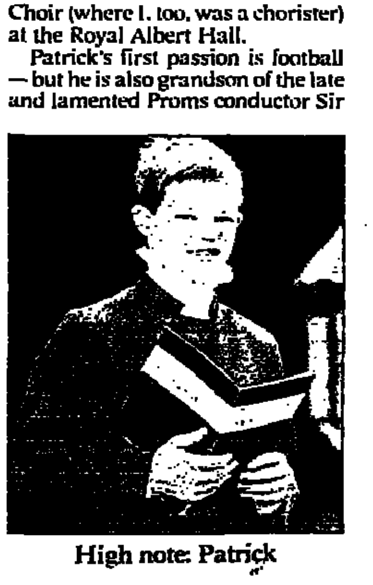
SECOND *in our series of sports* which, if included in the Olympics, would offer British medal chances: shove ha'penny. A pub game, invented in the 16th century, it is referred to in Shakespeare as "shove grout". Particularly popular in the North, its influence has spread south with the world championships currently held in Gloucestershire.

In Ugglebarnby, home of world championship quoits, they growl with low-browed resentment at the shovers' inexorable rise. Great players of the past include the cricketer Fred Trueman and Sid Waddell, the voice of darts, who used to play regularly at the Dun Cow in Durham against a sausage maker called Revell the Devil. He is perhaps the sports's only poet, writing in his important work *Indoor League*: "Shove ha'penny demands more concentration than darts, but the touch must be as light as a butterfly's eyelash." Pindar could not have put it better. Suggestions, please, on other games to better our medal-winning chances.

Treble chance

A FAMILY connection with the Proms spanning almost half a century was re-established last night as Patrick Groves, ten, sung lustily with the Winchester Cathedral Choir (where I, too, was a chorister) at the Royal Albert Hall.

Patrick's first passion is football — but he is also grandson of the late and lamented Proms conductor Sir Charles Groves, a Falstaffian figure, who raised his baton at the Albert for four decades from the early 1950s.



High note: Patrick

Cash call

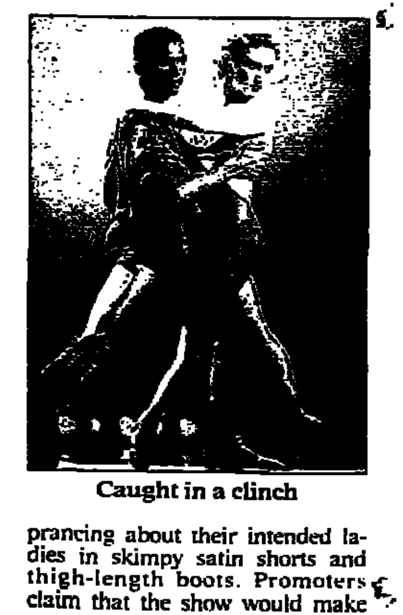
THE actor Simon Ward, remembered for his portrayal of Winston Churchill *in the film Young Winston*, has munificent friends. One of them has just paid off a debt of some £2,000 to Clare Latimer, the former Downing Street caterer, which Ward incurred in June last year.

"The matter has been settled," said Clare stirring furiously in her kitchen yesterday. "I did the catering for his daughter Claudia's wedding last year, and have only just been paid."

Dirty dancing

THE NAKED hype of the appalling West End musical *Voyeurz* may yet be pipped by the Royal Festival Hall, which purports to be putting on an evening of "unparalleled eroticism" by way of a dance show.

The musical *Billboards* combines classical ballet with the music of the artist formerly known as Prince; it features fully-grown men prancing about their intended ladies in skimpy satin shorts and thigh-length boots. Promoters claim that the show would make even Tom Jones blush. Worse still, the theatre is offering its boxes under the name of "Love Boxes" to amorous couples. "They provide the opportunity for couples to hold hands in private," says a spokeswoman pathetically.



Caught in a clinch

P·H·S

JUSTICE DENIED

Italy, rocked by the Priebke verdict, finds its legal system guilty

An important war crimes trial in Italy, poorly handled from the outset, has culminated in a judgment so grotesque that Italians have once again risen in outrage to question the trustworthiness of their national institutions. The former German SS captain, Erich Priebke, stood accused of participating in Italy's worst single wartime atrocity, the massacre at the Ardeatine caves in March, 1944. At the end of a three-month trial in a military court, the presiding magistrate this week found Priebke guilty of "complicity in violence with multiple homicide". He then ordered his release, on the ground that "extenuating circumstances" rendered him not guilty of "cruelty and premeditation", the other part of the charge, and that a 30-year statute of limitations therefore applied to the case. For good measure, he added that the reasons for this extraordinary decision were so complex that the full text of the court's ruling would not even be published for another 90 days.

The notion that "extenuating circumstances" could be applied to this case insults both the victims and the notion of justice. Priebke has never denied participating in the massacre of 335 Italian men and boys, 75 of them Jews, who in March, 1944 were rounded up and shot in reprisal for a partisan attack on German troops. He admits to having shot two in person, and to ticking the names of the victims off a list as they were herded five at a time into the caves.

His defence that he had no choice but to obey orders was ultimately rejected, as it was in the Nuremberg trials. The Wehrmacht's penal code gave soldiers the right to refuse to execute hostages, a right respected by the Nazis more often than not. In this particular case, the German military unit in Rome that the partisans had attacked refused to carry out the reprisal massacre; it was not punished. His second defence, that the massacre was a "legitimate" reprisal and not a crime, revealed him as a man untouched by remorse. Yet by two to one, the magistrates appear to have concluded that his "postwar good conduct" as an escaped prisoner of war prospering in Argentina, the "minor" nature of his participation in the crime and his advanced age combined to outweigh the horror of the crime itself.

This judicial farce could have been avoided. The first critical decision was to try Priebke, as a former soldier, in a military court accustomed to dealing with petty offences in the armed forces, rather than a civilian court. Italy is one of only seven countries to use military courts in peacetime; it should end the practice forthwith. The second was to charge him with multiple homicide instead of crimes against humanity, to which no statute of limitations applies. More questions arose as the trial proceeded.

Agostino Quistelli, the presiding judge, seems to have had little sense of the historical importance of this case or zeal to ensure that justice was seen to be done. He refused to hear testimony from scores of potential witnesses and before the trial started, told two court officials that Priebke was just obeying orders and ought to be cleared; yet two applications to an appeal court to disqualify him for bias and order a new trial were rejected. When the victims' families erupted in grief and rage at the verdict, Judge Quistelli found their protests "exaggerated". He had found him guilty, he commented; "what do they want, his head?"

Italy has reacted with shame and disbelief, in an outpouring unequalled since the murder of Giovanni Falcone, the heroic Sicilian magistrate whose assassination in 1992 turned the nation decisively against the Mafia. The prosecution will appeal; and the Government, deeply embarrassed, re-arrested Priebke after eight hours of mayhem around the courtroom. He is now held in Regina Coeli prison, from which some of the Ardeatine victims were plucked, pending a German request for extradition. Argentina, which would have to agree, has already banned his return to his place of exile and may co-operate. But the legal tangle is now so complex that he could yet walk free. If he does, Italy will relive the horror of its poisoned historical alliance with Nazi evil; this, in a symbolic sense, was what the court in Rome failed this week to confront.

NANNY STATE

Families have suffered from Tory tax reforms

Should families pay the same tax on the same income as people without children? To most governments in most countries the answer has seemed obvious. Bringing up children is a hugely demanding and expensive commitment, and the tax system should recognise that people who take on the responsibility of nurturing the next generation should have their extra financial burdens and their social contributions recognised by remissions of tax. Britain today, by contrast, is one of the few societies in history with a system designed to make no distinction between parents and taxpayers with nobody but themselves to support. Furthermore, the elimination from the tax system of any recognition of the responsibility for rearing children has been largely the work of a Conservative Party whose ethical principles were built on the virtue of family life.

These are among the most disturbing findings of a path-breaking paper, *Are Families Affordable?*, written by the conservative sociologist Janet Morgan and published this week by the Centre for Policy Studies. The paper's significance lies firstly in its analysis of the large fiscal detriment to families that has resulted from the past 17 years of tax reform. Virtually all single people have seen some reduction in their tax burden under the Tories. But couples with two children earning less than twice national average earnings have seen their tax burdens substantially increase.

For the very poorest families, those eking out an income of half national average wages, the tax burden has jumped fourfold from 2.4 per cent to 10 per cent. For single people on the same income, by contrast, the tax burden has modestly declined. The paper suggests three underlying reasons for this anti-family bias. First, there is the Treasury's belief that taxes should be as "neutral" as possible: if somebody chooses to spend time and money playing golf rather than bringing up children, the State has no business discriminating between these two lifestyles. The second argument is that child benefits have replaced tax allowances and represent a better way for the State to help parents. The third argument is that State support should be targeted to those most in need, particularly to parents who find it hardest to earn a living because of family responsibilities: in practice, single mothers.

Ms Morgan debunks all three fallacies. She offers evidence that public policy is dangerously biased in favour of single parents, even though the great majority of children in poverty still live with two parents. She shows how targeting creates poverty traps and disincentives to work — and how efforts to resolve these problems spawn new benefits, new costs and new disincentives.

But above all she questions the fundamental assumption that welfare benefits are a better way to support child-rearing than tax allowances. Why should the State always pursue social objectives by paying welfare benefits, rather than by remitting taxes? To allow people with family responsibilities to keep more of their own income is far healthier for society than to make them dependent on the State's largesse. That successive Chancellors have forgotten such a fundamental conservative axiom shows how far Britain has slid into a dependency culture even under 17 years of Tory rule.

RULE BRITANNIA

A new Royal Yacht could be a ship for the nation

As Cowes Week opens today, one distinguished and much-loved old visitor is celebrating what may be her last appearance. Next year the Royal Yacht *Britannia* will head either for a retirement home or the scrapyard. In a typical display of political indecision, ministers seem unable to decide what to do with her or whether and how to replace her. This vacillation is hard to fathom. The old *Britannia* should clearly be berthed at Portsmouth or Greenwich, as a tourist attraction and hospitality venue. Either the Government could sell it to a suitable owner and plough the proceeds into a replacement, or the income from the old yacht could help to support the new one.

For it is inconceivable that a replacement should not be built at all. One of the few skills at which this nation excels is the pomp and pageantry that surrounds our Royal Family. *Britannia* has been a superb diplomat for Britain abroad; foreign statesmen and businessmen love being entertained on the yacht, and as a symbol of Britain's prestige, it can hardly be bettered. Some £500 million worth of exports deals are clinched every year on its decks.

Moreover, there is one proposal for a new *Britannia* that, in imagination and beauty, could surpass even the old one. The Cadland Consortium, led by Maldwin Drummond, Commodore of the Royal Yacht Squadron, has come up with the idea of a soaring, square-rigged sailing-ship. A high-tech fusion of traditional and modern, she would move equally well under sail or engine, the rig being controlled by computers and the hull made of steel. She would serve many purposes, used for State visits, as a training ship for youth, a showcase for British companies and a tourist attraction when at berth. The idea is that she should be not just a Royal Yacht, but truly a ship for the nation. She would be a vessel for the millennium too, ecologically conscious and democratic. Unlike a motor boat, she would soar over any other ship in a foreign harbour.

The clincher is that she does not need to cost a penny of public money. The consortium claims to be able to raise all the necessary money itself (though doubtless a small contribution from the Lottery or from the sale of the old yacht would not go amiss). So efficient is she that her annual running costs would be half that of today's *Britannia*. She would be manned by 180 "Queen's Cadets" at a time, 3,500 of them a year from all backgrounds, who would learn teamwork and independence as well as sailing skills.

The new *Britannia* apparently has the enthusiastic backing of Buckingham Palace. She deserves ministerial support. This Cowes Week would be the perfect time for the Government to give her a fair wind.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Difficulties over legalised brothels

From Mr Cedric Hayes, JP

Sir, Public opinion would surely not countenance legalised brothels (reports, July 30; article, July 31). Also my experience in the courts shows that most prostitutes are part-time independent operators, unlikely to submit to regimentation involving registration and health checks: many would doubtless continue to work outside the system, rendering reforms largely useless.

So-called kerb-crawlers, however, would have no need to approach the women in public places, greatly reducing a public nuisance and also avoiding the possibility of arrest and, for many, disgrace.

Sadly, without the first, the second cannot be effected.

Yours faithfully,
CEDRIC HAYES,
14 Thurleigh Road,
Didsbury, Manchester.
July 31.

From Mr James G. Fluss

Sir, The claim by Rachel Campbell-Johnston ("The case for legalising brothels", July 31) that "Prostitution represents the exploitation of the impoverished female by the affluent male" is feminist nonsense. One could just as easily claim that by charging 30p for *The Times*, News International is a news-rich organisation exploiting the public's lack of news.

The simple truth is that every market transaction involves a buyer and seller. Each of them feels that what they receive is worth at least what they pay to get it. It involves no "exploitation" at all.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES G. FLUSS,
138a Audley Road, NW4.
July 31.

From Mr M. J. Price-Alexander

Sir, Rachel Campbell-Johnston writes that licensed brothels would provide protection for prostitutes; facilitate women's collectives; improve their health and guarantee their financial independence; enlarge the Government's coffers through tax; make the streets safer for all; free police for other duties; and might lead to a decline in the number of failed marriages, rape cases and sexual abuse of children.

Wonderful. And do you know, some people think I'm naive because, as a Christian, I believe the Bible when it warns against prostitution and other manifest evils.

Yours faithfully,
M. J. PRICE-ALEXANDER,
29 College Avenue,
Mutley, Plymouth, Devon.
July 31.

Butler and Suez

From Lady Butler of Saffron Walden

Sir, I have just read ("Career sacrificed by the minister who refused to lie", July 26) a remark by Sir Anthony Nutting that my husband, Rab Butler, was one of four ministers who were "privy to the Suez plot".

He goes on to describe being himself present at the fateful meeting at Chequers of October 14, 1956, after which, the report continues, "Nutting believed his position was untenable" and his resignation followed.

May I point out that my husband was then in Scotland and proceeded from there to Calder Hall in attendance on the Queen when she opened the atomic power station. He returned to London on October 18 and went straight to No 10 Downing Street, where he received the news of a fait accompli from Sir Anthony Eden.

Whatever his own views on the matter were, his first instinct was to support his Prime Minister, and in this case he did so to his own personal detriment and without any previous consultation.

Yours sincerely,
MOLLIE BUTLER,
Spencers, Great Yeldham, Essex.
August 1.

Sauce for goose

From Mr Keith A. Waller

Sir, For Tony Blair to suggest that a Labour government would help our Olympic sportsmen and women (report, August 1, later editions) does, of course, mean supporting selection, competition and elitism. If on the sportsfield, why not in the classroom?

Yours faithfully,
KEITH A. WALLER,
11 Eagle Court,
Hermon Hill, Wanstead, E11.
August 2.

£15m Shearer deal

From Mr Jon Scott

Sir, The heads of major industries, responsible for the jobs of thousands of people, are vilified by the public, politicians and the press as "fat cats" because of the salaries they earn, yet much larger earnings are apparently acceptable if one can kick a football (reports, July 30) or sing a song. Have I missed something?

Yours faithfully,
JON SCOTT,
72 Chiltern Avenue, Cosby, Leicester.
July 31.

Preserving the birthplaces of science

From Mr Kevin Brown

Sir, I endorse Hugh Aldersey-Williams's call (Mind and Matter, July 29) to raise the status of buildings associated with great scientists to the level enjoyed by the birthplaces of literary figures. However, even more than with literary figures, it is the working places of these scientists which are more important than their homes and would further the public understanding of science in its historical and cultural context.

Michael Faraday's laboratory at the Royal Institution in Albemarle Street is more important than his apartments there, though their proximity to each other is significant; and at the Alexander Fleming Laboratory Museum, here at St Mary's, we have a birthplace museum with a difference — the birthplace of penicillin inside a hospital, placing the discovery in its true context.

Yours faithfully,
KEVIN BROWN (Curator),
Alexander Fleming Laboratory
Museum,
St Mary's Hospital, Praed Street, W2.
July 30.

From Mr David S. Ritchie

Sir, Hugh Aldersey-Williams's statement that there is no home or museum devoted to James Clerk Maxwell is incorrect.

In 1992 this foundation purchased Maxwell's birthplace in Edinburgh — a fine Georgian house, built for his father in 1820, where James was born in 1831. It remained in the family possession for nearly 70 years.

The house provides a museum in his honour, displaying family portraits and paintings, first editions of his books and original manuscripts. It also provides the centre for the International Centre for Mathematical Sciences (ICMS), formed by Edinburgh, Heriot-Watt and Stirling universities.

Clerk Maxwell's achievements as a physicist, most notably in the electromagnetic field, rank with those of Newton and Einstein, modifying the concepts of the former and inspiring the latter, who wrote that "one scientific epoch ended and another began with Clerk Maxwell".

Yours faithfully,
D. S. RITCHIE
(Director),
James Clerk Maxwell Foundation,
14 India Street, Edinburgh 3.
July 30.

From Dr G. C. Cook and others

Sir, Lichfield, famous as being the birthplace of Samuel Johnson, was also the home for some 25 years of Charles Darwin's grandfather, Erasmus Darwin (1731-1802) — archetypal polymath, physician, philosopher, botanist, inventor, poet and, perhaps most importantly, evolutionist and early exponent of the theories propounded by his grandson.

Erasmus Darwin is commemorated by a plaque in Lichfield Cathedral, but no substantial monument exists. The Dean and Chapter of Lichfield Cathedral, together with the Erasmus Darwin Foundation, have developed plans to restore his Grade 1 listed home, built in 1758, to provide a museum and associated educational facility. Linked to the house will be a herb garden commemorating Darwin's interest in botany and his authorship of *The Botanic Garden*.

We now seek corporate funding. Pride in our great scientific heritage could provide the catalyst that motivates schoolchildren, in this and future generations, to embark on a scientific career.

Yours faithfully,
G. C. COOK (Chairman,
Erasmus Darwin Foundation),
DESMOND KING-HELE,
DAVID WALLINGTON
(Chief Executive, Lichfield Cathedral),
Lichfield Cathedral,
Chapter Office, 19a The Close,
Lichfield, Staffordshire.
July 30.

Badger pests?

From Mr Peter Easton

Sir, Can the urbanisation of the South East have progressed so far (in the minds of its inhabitants if not in the actual fabric of the area) that your correspondent, Peter Gillies (letter, July 29: see also letter, July 22), writing from near Uckfield in Sussex, seriously believes that the place he shares in the countryside with the hen and the badger has come about as a result of natural order?

Such a notion might just about pass in a Walt Disney cartoon but it is dangerously unhelpful when discussing the future of one of man's finest creations — the English landscape.

His sentiment is unfortunately prevalent among people (but not among any animals of my acquaintance) who show a genuine desire to see natural things — fauna particularly — preserved. But conservation has little hope of success if it is not supported by a thorough understanding of how and for what purpose the countryside has been organised.

In the natural order the survival of the badger as a free-living animal would depend upon the tolerance of those who live and work in the countryside; upon a balance between the forgiveness of the arable farmer whose machinery falls into a sett and the wrath of the bereaved hen-keeper.

Yours sincerely,
PETER EASTON,
52 Hall Orchard Lane,
Frisby on the Wreake,
Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.
July 29.

From Mr David Edelsten

Sir, It is not amusing to be lectured on badgers from SW8, nor do I care a pin for the "latest national badger survey". These once welcome neighbours have become a pest round here, as have "conservation officers" et al.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID EDELSTEN,
The Old Rectory,
Glanvilles Wootton,
Sherborne, Dorset.
July 29.

Stone of Scone

From Ms Caroline Bingham

Sir, Mr Peter G. Vasey (letter, July 26; see also letters, July 17, 24) suggests that Berwick-upon-Tweed would make a suitable home for the Stone of Scone, provided that Berwick too were restored to Scotland, since it too was appropriated by Edward I in 1296.

Berwick was recaptured by Robert the Bruce in 1318, and remained a Scottish city until 1482, when it was occupied by English forces under Richard, Duke of Gloucester, the future Richard III.

Does Berwick think itself Scots or English? Perhaps its citizens should be consulted, by plebiscite.

Yours faithfully,
CAROLINE BINGHAM,
164 Regent's Park Road, NW1.
July 26.

School reports

From Dr V. M. Shorrocks

Sir, The existence and scope of school reports for primary-school children will surely come as a surprise to many grandparents as schools close for the holidays.

Not only did our six-year-old granddaughter's report merit two pages and cover 11 subjects but it also included incriminating space for self-assessment.

Ruth had proudly written: "I enjoyed doing drawings in my topic book and painting my rabbit."

(The rabbit, by the way, is still white and fluffy.)

Yours faithfully,
VICTOR M. SHORROCKS,
12 Fox Close,
Wigginton, Tring, Hertfordshire.
July 26.

Car pollution

From Mr P. H. J. Whyman

Sir, There is a need to draw a distinction between "old" and "poorly maintained" when reporting matters associated with vehicle exhaust emissions ("Pollution fears as old cars stay on road longer", July 29, early editions).

It is not the oldest 10 per cent of cars which are at fault — they simply do not get used enough to produce even a fraction of a per cent of overall vehicle pollution. The blame lies with those cars, usually between five and 15 years old, in the hands of people seeking to motor at the least possible cost. Through lack of proper maintenance they run close to (or beyond) the pollution limits set out in the MoT test. These cars may be the 10 per cent which create 50 per cent of the pollution, but they are not the oldest 10 per cent.

Cars can only survive for 20 years or more if they are properly cared for. It is quite unfair on the thousands of enthusiasts within this Federation, who are dedicated to preserving old vehicles in the best possible condition, that their reputation should be sullied by the soot from the exhausts of newer, but poorly maintained, cars.

And lest anyone thinks that by scrapping a ten-year-old car in favour of a new one they are contributing to a cleaner environment, it should be recalled that an immense amount of energy is used (and hence pollution created) in building new cars — equivalent to several years' worth of fuel per car.

Yours faithfully,
P. H. J. WHYMAN (Secretary),
Federation of British
Historic Vehicle Clubs,
Eton House, Church Lane,
Tydd St Giles,
Wisbech, Cambridgeshire.
July 30.

From Mr Ian Brammer

Sir, Your report on car pollution claims that sales of cars nine years old or more have grown by 146 per cent in four years. Are secret stockpiles of Allegros, Cortinas and Marinas being unloaded at last? Surely the figures simply mean that the inevitably diminishing fleet of old cars is changing hands more frequently.

Yours faithfully,
IAN BRAMMER,
Cesterbridge House,
Rainow, Macclesfield, Cheshire.
August 1.

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Mystery meaning of the number 31

From Professor Emeritus Raymond Hide, FRS

Sir, Idiomatic expressions that involve the number "thirty-one" — not all of them polite — are used in Romance, Middle Eastern and other languages. In French, for example, *être sur son trente-et-un* means "to be dressed in one's best clothes", "attired in one's Sunday best", "dressed up to the nines".

In Italian *e questo fa trentuno* ("and that makes thirty-one") means "the calculation is correct", "everything checks out".

A strong expletive (usually telling someone to "go away") heard in parts of the Arabic-speaking world is *tri-anda-ena*, the Greek term for thirty-one.

The purpose of this letter is to seek help through your columns from readers who can provide examples of idiomatic expressions involving the number thirty-one, together with information or speculations bearing on their likely origin.

Yours sincerely,
RAYMOND HIDE,
Jesus College, Oxford.
August 2.

Jaws in the Med

From Miss Sophie Schreiber

Sir, The great white shark is indeed a predator, but on what basis does Mr Christopher Price (letter, July 30) presume to advocate the extermination of a species whose presence inconveniences his desire to enter its territory? The same argument could be used to advocate the end of the tiger, or indeed of the crocodile.

Perhaps Mr Price should stick to a swimming pool, from which he can safely exercise his undoubted right to exclude the great white shark.

Yours faithfully,
SOPHIE SCHREIBER,
Marlesford Hall,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.
July 30.

From Mr Tim Carbury

Sir, I was sad to read Mr Christopher Price's suggestion that the great white shark should be exterminated, simply to make it slightly safer for him to dabble in its habitat.

He would be better advised, in my opinion, to campaign against the huge amount of toxic waste, including untreated sewage, which is dumped daily in the world's oceans and which will eventually exterminate the great white shark *and* Mr Price if he continues to bathe in the Mediterranean.

Yours faithfully,
T. C. CARBURY,
11 Collier Close, Cove, Hampshire.
July 30.

Trade descriptions

From Mr John J. Carney

Sir, If we have "coal face" junior doctors (letters, July 22, 26), then surely surgeons must be at the cutting edge.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN J. CARNEY,
62 Fitzroy Road, Tankerton, Kent.
July 26.

From Mr David J. Prescott

Sir, As a musician my views will often be in harmony but sometimes will lead to discord.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID J. PRESCOTT
(Director of Music,
Lancaster Royal Grammar School),
32 Greenwood Avenue,
Bolton-le-Sands,
Carnforth, Lancashire.
July 26.

From Mr Glynn Downton

Sir, An astronomer is far-sighted, a jeweller's view crystal clear, a doorman's open-ended, and a meteorologist is often long-winded.

Yours sincerely,
GLYNN DOWNTON,
66 Park Avenue, Maidstone, Kent.
July 26.

From Mr and Mrs J. A. Clemence

Sir, As restaurant owners our views are handed out on a plate.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CLEMENCE,
ANN CLEMENCE,
Capstone Restaurant & Hotel,
St James' Place, Ilfracombe, Devon.
July 26.

From Mr Jason Barbour

Sir, With the advancing years robbing me of more and more of my hair, I suppose that my views come increasingly off the top of my head.

Yours faithfully,
JASON BARBOUR,
19 Cortayne Road, SW6.
July 26.

From Mr J. Gwyn Kennedy

Sir, Undoubtedly, the views of geologists are firmly based on solid bedrock principles, while those of palaeontologists result from leaving no stone unturned.

Yours faithfully,
J. GWYN KENNEDY,
74 Hampton Park Road, Hereford.
July 26.

COURT CIRCULAR

CLARENCE HOUSE
August 1: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, accompanied by The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at a Concert at St Peter's Church, Wolferton, Norfolk, given by the English Chamber Orchestra in aid of Music in Country Churches.

The Lady Grimthorpe and Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt, were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 2: The Queen today visited the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment Summer Camp at Thetford, Norfolk, and was received by General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick (Colonel, *The Blues and Royals*, Gold Stick in Waiting), Major General the Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard (Colonel, The Life Guards), Colonel Peter Rogers (Lieutenant Colonel Commanding Household Cavalry) and Lieutenant Colonel Toby Browne (Commanding Officer).

Her Majesty visited the stables and forge and afterwards met Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers in their Mess.

Later The Queen lunched in the Officers' Mess.

This afternoon Her Majesty watched various aspects of training and equestrian activities.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 2: The Duke of York, Patron, the Royal Marines Atlantic 3000 Rowing Race Team, this afternoon met members of the team at Royal Marines Poole, Dorset.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
August 2: The Prince of Wales, President, this morning visited a construction project undertaken by foundation course students of The Prince of Wales's Institute of Architec*ture at Ewhurst, Surrey.*

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton, Chichester, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex (Major-General Sir Philip Ward).

The Prince of Wales afterwards opened the new Visitors' centre at West Dean gardens and visited West Dean College, Chichester.

Premium Bonds

The following Premium Bond prize winners were announced yesterday:

£100,000: 19VN 111264, winner has a holding of £1,071 and comes from Merseyside: 4SN 174560, £1,327, Hertfordshire: 52GK 206150, £17,450, Hampshire.

***£50,000:** 25HZ 527776*, £8,000, Devon: 12BK 200425, £1,125, Surrey: 15VN 278425, £400, Merseyside: 29QS 886287, £20,000, Kent: 36CF 204990, £8,000, Berkshire: 31DS 485050, £10,000, Herefordshire: 9HS 394035, £4,500, Barnet, London: 21WF 781371, £310, Warwickshire.

£25,000: 31NK 160924, £19,510, Leicestershire: 11GS 412037, £19,997, Cheshire: 28NK 585715, £10,000, West Sussex: 19SL 951083, £9,002, Kent: 49RP 808384, £1,500, East Sussex: *27DT 405479, £8,500, Dorset: 18JP* 417198, £20,000, Kensington and Chelsea, London: 12SN 567253, £3,227, Mid Glamorgan: 19ST 518123, £5,170, Greater Manchester: 43AZ 947425, £13,013, Berkshire: 35MB 696132, £20,000, Greenwich, London: 20FF 704174, £2,500, Devon: 8ML 086603, £10,237, Waltham Forest, London.

Christening

The infant son of Bill and Lindy Barnes was christened Timothy William Ian by the Rev Alan Dibden at St Nicolas's, Taplow, *Buckinghamshire, on Sunday,* July 28, 1996. The godparents are: John and Edwina Bone, Richard and Joan Brightwell and Philip *and Martine Chandler.*

Appointments

Sir Mark Waller and Sir John Mummery, Justices of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, to be Lords Justices of Appeal in succession to Sir Brian Neill and Sir Patrick Russell who will be retiring at the end of September.

Field Marshal Sir Peter Anthony Inge has been appointed Constable of the Tower of London in succession to Field Marshal Sir John Wilfred Stanier who has retired.

Mr Ian Grant has been appointed a Crown Estate Commissioner in succession to the late Angus Macdonald.

Weekend birthdays

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother celebrates her 96th birthday tomorrow.

TODAY
Sir John Anson, civil servant, 66; Air Marshal Sir Peter Bairsto, 70; Mr Tony Bennett, singer, 70; Mr Steven Berkoff, actor, director and writer, 59; Lieutenant-General Sir Alexander Boswell, former Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Guernsey, 68; Sir Paul Bryan, former MP, 83; Mrs Elizabeth Chilver, former Principal, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, 82; Mr Peter Easterby, racehorse trainer, 67; Mr Josh Gifford, racehorse trainer, 56; Mr Edwin Glasgow, QC, chairman, Financial Reporting Review Panel, 51; Mr Nick Harvey, MP, 35; Baroness James of Holland Park, 76; Professor Anthony Jones, former Rector, Royal College of Art, 52; Mr William Powell, MP, 48; Sir David A. Scott, diplomat, 77; Mr Martin Sheen, actor, 56; Miss Sue Slipman, former director, National Council for One Parent Families, 47; Mr Michael Stern, MP, 54; Mr Jack Straw, MP, 50; Sir Jock Taylor, diplomat, 72; Sir George Waller, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 85; the Right Rev Dr R.P. Wilson, former Bishop of Chichester, 91; Mr Terry Wogan, broadcaster, 58.

TOMORROW
Mr James Arbuthnot, MP, 44; Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick Bayly, 82; *Mr David Bedford, composer, 59;* Mr William Cooper, novelist, 86; Dr Jack Cunningham, MP, 57; Sir Rustam Feroze, obstetrician and *gynaecologist, 76; Professor H.L.* Freeman, psychiatrist, 67; Mr E.P. Gallagher, chief executive, Environment Agency, 52; Sir George Godber, former chairman, Health Education Council, 88; Professor P.N. Goodfellow, geneticist, 45; Miss Georgina Hale, actress, 53; Mr Donald L. Haxby, former president, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, 68; Professor Sir David Hull, Professor of Child Health, 64; Mr Martin Jarvis, actor, 55; Mrs Rachel Jones, former chairman, Broadcasting Council for Wales, 88; Mr David Lange, CH, former Prime Minister of New Zealand, 54; Professor Howard Morris, biological chemist, 50; Mr Ian Newton, former Head, Bedales School, 50; Mr Simon Preston, organist, 58; Mr John Spalding, former chief executive, Halifax Building Society, 72; Mr Peter Squires, rugby player, 45; Mr Bowen Wells, MP, 61; Sir Michael Weston, diplomat, 59.

ADRIAN SHERRATT

Stephen Martin, *The Times's* Saturday sports portrait artist, wears a fitting hat as he works on a huge painting on an advertising hoarding 40ft above the Cromwell Road in west London. Great Western Trains has commissioned him to paint his own idea *of a fantasy train carriage to start an advertising campaign. Mr Martin estimates that to complete* the 400 sq ft painting will take a week, 10 gallons of rainproof paint and at least 10 brushes

Anniversaries

TODAY
BIRTHS: Charles Stanhope, 3rd Earl Stanhope, politician and man of science, London, 1753; Sir Joseph *Paxton, gardener and designer of* the Crystal Palace, Milton Bryant, Bedfordshire, 1801; Elisha Otis, pioneer of the safety lift, Halifax, *Vermont, 1811; Stanley Baldwin*, 1st Earl Baldwin of Bewdley, Prime Minister 1923, 1924-29 and 1935-37, Lower Park, Bewdley, *Worcestershire, 1867; Rupert* Brooke, poet, Rugby, 1887; Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski, Primate of Poland 1949-81, Zuzela, near War*saw, 1901.*

DEATHS: King James II of Scotland, reigned 1437-60, killed, Roxburgh Castle, 1460; Grinling Gibbons, wood carver, London, 1721; *Sir Richard Arkwright*, inventor, Cromford, Derbyshire, 1792; Sir Roger Casement, Irish *nationalist, executed for high treason, London, 1916;* Joseph Conrad, novelist, Canterbury, 1924; Albert Frederick Pollard, historian, Milford-on-Sea, 1948; Colette, writer, Paris, 1954; Archbishop Makarios III, Primate of the Orthodox Church of Cyprus and President of the Republic of Cyprus, Nicosia, 1977.

Germany declared war on France, 1914.

At the Battle of Cannae, the Roman *army supply depot was seized by a* smaller army led by Hannibal, 216 BC.

La Scala opera house in Milan opened, 1778.

TOMORROW
BIRTHS: John Tradescant, gardener, Meopham, Kent, 1608; Edward Irving, founder of the Catholic Apostolic Church, Dumfries, 1792; Percy Bysshe Shelley, poet, Field Place, Horsham, Sussex, 1792; Walter Pater, critic, Shadwell, London, 1839; W.H. Hudson, writer and naturalist, near Buenos Aires, 1841; Knut Hamsun, novelist and poet, Nobel laureate 1920, Lam, Norway, 1859; Sir Harry Lauder, music hall entertainer, Edinburgh, 1870; Sir Osbert Lancaster, writer, London, 1908.

DEATHS: Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester, killed at the Battle of Evesham, 1265; William Cecil, 1st Baron Burghley, statesman, London, 1598; John Bacon, sculptor, London, 1799; William Aytoun, poet, Elgin, 1865; Hans Christian Andersen, story-teller, Copenhagen, 1875; Baron Carl Auer von Welsbach, chemist and physicist, Treibach, Austria, 1929; Rodney (Gypsy) Smith, evangelist, on board the *Queen Mary* en route for Florida, 1947; Roy Thomson, 1st Baron Thomson of Fleet, newspaper proprietor, 1976.

The Red Cross Society was founded in Britain, 1870.

Britain declared war on Germany, 1914.

Britain's first supersonic fighter plane, the P1 English Electric Lightning, made its maiden flight from Boscombe Down, 1954.

Forthcoming marriages

Señor J. Cano
and Miss L. Grant
The engagement is announced between Jesus, son of Señor and Señora Cano, of Madrid, Spain, and Lisa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Grant, of Plaistow, West Sussex.

Mr J.A. Cochrane
and Miss S.A. Gordon
The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr Hugh Cochrane and of Mrs Jenny Cochrane, of Lockerbie, Dumfries and Galloway, and Sarah, daughter of the late Lieutenant *Colonel* Lord Douglas Gordon and of Lady Douglas Gordon, of Stockbridge, Hampshire.

Mr J.G. Henry
and Miss L.J. Boston
The engagement is announced between Jonathan George, son of Dr and Mrs George Henry, of Nenagh, Co Tipperary, Ireland, and Lucy Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon K.C. Boston, recently of Japan and Bahrain.

Mr T. Howe
and Miss G.C. O'Farrell
The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs R. Howe, of Haworth, West Yorkshire, and Gina Claire, daughter of Mr Brian O'Farrell, of Hampton Wick, Surrey, and Mrs Lynne O'Farrell, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Mr S.A. Way
and Miss J.M. Wilkinson
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Way, of Vermont, Victoria, Australia, and Jessica, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alec Wilkinson, formerly of Brisbane, Australia, and of Okehampton, Devon.

Mr A.D. Harley
and Miss S.A. Harwood-Smith
The engagement is announced between *Andrew, younger son of* Mr and Mrs David Harley, of Dunoon, Argyll, and Sophie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Smith, of Ascot, *Berkshire.*

Mr A.D. Hicks
and Miss C.M. Taylor
The engagement is announced between *Andrew, eldest son of Mr* and Mrs Clive Hicks, of Ealing, and Catherine Mary (Katie), elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Tim *Taylor, of Goudhurst, Kent.*

Mr N.W. Steer
and Miss R.A. Rogers
The engagement is announced between *Norman, son of the late* Mr and Mrs W. Steer, of Guildford, and Rosemary, daughter of the late Dr Arthur Rogers and of *Mrs Doreen Rogers, of* Richmond, North Yorkshire.

Marriage

Mr C.E. McGrigor
and Miss M.S. Merryweather
The marriage took place on July 20, at *the Westminster Presby*terian Church of Akron, Ohio, of Mr Charles Edward McGrigor, younger son of Sir Charles and Lady McGrigor, of Upper Sonachan, Argyll, and Miss Melissa Susan Merryweather, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas R. Merryweather, of 465 Bastogne Drive, Akron, Ohio.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her sister, Miss *Elizabeth Merryweather*, was maid of honour. Mr Charles Ward-Jackson was best man.

The reception was held at the Portage Country Club, Akron.

Service dinner

Essex Army Cadet Force
Lord Braybrooke, Lord-Lieutenant of Essex, Colonel R.P. Laurie, Honorary Colonel of the Essex Army Cadet Force, and Colonel K.R. *Fitzgerald*, Chairman of the East Anglian TA&VR County Association Committee, were the principal guests at a dinner of the *cadet force held last night at* Wretham Training Camp, Thetford, Norfolk. Lieutenant-Colonel A.T. Branigan presided. Colonel C.A.F. Thomas, cadet commandant, and the officers were present.

During the evening the Lord-Lieutenant presented a Royal Sig*nals statuette to Lieutenant*-Colonel Branigan from the officers to mark his pending retirement from the force after 27 years of *adult service.*

Church services tomorrow

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

ABERDEEN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.15 S Euch, Merbecke, The Provost; 6.30 EP.

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP; 9.15 HC; 11 Euch, Murray, Love bade me welcome (Vaughan Williams), Rev D Lee; 4 Choral E, Come my way (Vaughan Williams).

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.15 Choral M; 10.30 Euch; 4 Choral E.

BRECON CATHEDRAL: 11 M, Te Deum (John Ireland in F), Benedictus (Stanford in B flat), Almighty and everlasting God (Gibbons).

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL, College Green: 7.40 MP; 8 HC; 10 Euch, Canon A Redfern; 3.30 Choral E, Wood in D, Greater love hath no man (Ireland), Canon P Johnson.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Mass in G minor (Vaughan Williams), O Lord increase my faith (Loosemore), Rev M Chandler; 1 Queen's Regimental Association, Rev J G M W Murphy; 3.15 E, The Gloucester Service (Howells), The radiant light of thy Father's glory (Vann), The Rt Rev Reid; 6.30 Compline, The Precentor.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC, The Provost; 9.30 Euch, Canon B Thompson; 11.15 Euch, Merbecke, Rev J Jones; 6 E, Chants, Rev J Jones.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC with Holy Baptism, Canon J Newcome; 11.30 Choral M, Te Deum & Jubilate, Canon M Rees; 3.30 EP; 6.30 Evening, Canon P Hunt.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Short Service (Gibbons), Jubilate (Stanford in B flat), King of Glory (Davies), The Priest Vicar; 11 S Euch, Darke in F, Never weather-beaten sail (Parry), The Chancellor; 3.30 E, Walmisley in D minor, Thou O God art praised in Sion (Boyle).

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, Oxford: 8 HC; 10 M & Sermon, Canon Gordon; *11.15 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley)*, Ave verum (Mozart), Canon Peirce; 6 E, Kelly in C, Come out Lazar (Spicer).

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, The Precentor; 10 M, Collegium Regale *(Howells), Call to remembrance (Farrant)*, Canon R Coppin; 11.15 HC, Missa Brevis (Britten), Draw us in the Spirit's tether (Friedell), Canon D Hodgson; 3.30 E, Dyson in D, Lord thou hast been our *refuge (Vaughan Williams).*

EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Missa Eliensis (Wills), O sacrum convivium (Messiaen), The Treasurer; 11.15 M, Collegium Regale (Howells), Let all the world (Leighton), *The Precentor*; 3 E, Collegium Regale (Wood), Blessed city (Bairstow); 6.30 Evening, Chants 101 & 99, O for a closer walk (Stanford), The Priest Vicar.

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL: *8, 12.15 HC;* 10.15 Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Canon N Heavisides; 3 E, Sowerby in D, Most glorious Lord of life (Near).

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Canon *Dr M Palmer; 9.45 S Euch, Coronation* Mass (Mozart), O salutaris hostia (Rossini), Canon Dr M Palmer; 11.15 M, Te Deum in G (Sumsion), Let all the world (Vaughan Williams), Rev J G Clark; 6.30 E, Latin Fauxbourdons (Tallis), O nata lux (Tallis), Canon D Bryant.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M; 10.30 Euch, Missa Octavi Tone (Asola), Ave verum corpus (Penalosa), The Precentor; 4 Choral E, Sumsion in G, O vos omnes (Victoria).

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Jubilate in C (Britten), Drop drop slow tears (Leighton), The Precentor; 3.30 E, The Gloucester Service (Howells), Lo the full final sacrifice (Finzi).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Mass in C, Ave verum (Byrd), *The Precentor; 11.15 M, Collegium Regale* (Howells), Almighty God which hast me bought (Ford), Rev Dr M Semple; 3.45 E, Brewer in D, Blessed city heavenly Salem (Bairstow).

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP & HC; 10.30 Euch, Canon M Wolfe; 3 Choral E, Canon D Hutton; 4 HC.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & Litany; 8, 12.15 Holy Euch, Rev N Court; 9 *Parish Euch, Rev N Court; 11 S Euch*, Noble in B minor, I am the living bread (Harwood), Rev Boon-Hor Khoo; 3.30 Choral E, Bairstow in D, Hear O thou Shepherd of Israel (Mathias); 6.30 Parish E & Sermon, The Dean.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9, 10.30 HC, Canon A Radcliffe; 6.30 EP.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 HC, Canon P Strange; 9.30 S Euch, Woodlands *(Gloria), Addington Service (Shephard)*, Canon S Makalima; 6 Choral E.

NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 8, 10.30 Holy Euch; 6.30 E.

NORWICH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8, 9.15 *HC; 10.30 S Euch, St Nicolas Mass* (Haydn), The Dean; 3.30 E, Wood in F, How lovely are thy dwellings (Brahms); 6.30 Evening, The Dean.

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 7.45 M *& Litany; 8.15 HC;* 10.30 Euch, Darke in E, Sicut cervus (Palestrina), The Dean; 3.30 E, Stanford in A, Thou O God are praised in Sion (Boyle).

RIPON CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch, Rev D Murfet; 9.30 Parish Euch sung to Byrd for Four Voices, When Jesus sat at meat (Nicholson), The Dean; 11.30 M, Te Deum (Boyce in C), The heavens are telling (Haydn); 12.30 Euch, Rev H Pickles; 6.30 *E, Stanford in A, Beati quorum via* (Stanford), Rev P Driver.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 M, Te Deum & Jubilate (Stanford in B flat), Open thy gates (Harrison); 10.30 S Euch, *Tantum ergo (Duruflé), The Ven N* Warren; 3.15 E, O sing joyfully (Batten), Wood in E flat No 1, Sing we merrily unto God our strength (Campbell).

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Canon P Roberts; 10 Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Ubi caritas, Canon J Osborne; 11.30 M, Te Deum (Collegium Regale) (Howells), Beati quorum via (Stanford); 3 E, And I saw a new heaven (Bainton).

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 S Euch, Mrs J Zunde; 6.30 E & Sermon, Ven S Lowe.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch, Rev R Royle; 11 Choral Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Like as the hart (Howells), God be in my head (Rutter), Rev D Painter; 3 Choral E, Collegium Regale (Howells), Faire is the heaven (Harris), Rev D Painter; 6.30 Book of Common Prayer (1662) Choral Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), My beloved spake (Hadley), God be in my head (Rutter), Rev R Royle.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M; 10 S Euch, Ireland in C, Beati quorum via (Stanford), Rev M Oxbrow; 6 E, Murrill in E, I was glad (Parry), Canon R Gilbert.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Collegium Regale (Howells), A prayer of King Henry VI (Ley), Rev J Goodall; 11.15 Euch, Draw us in the Spirit's tether (Friedell), Canon A Harvey; 3 E, *Short* Service (Tallis), Exsultate Deo (Scarlatti), Canon D Hutt; 5.45 Organ Recital; 6.30 E, Canon A Harvey.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 *M, Jubilate (Walton), Sing joyfully (Byrd)*, The Very Rev D Edwards; 11.30 Euch, Darke in E, Set me as a seal (Walton); 3.30 E, Gloucester Service (Howells), Loquebantur variis linguis (Tallis), Rev P *Morgan.*

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 9.30 MP; 10 S Euch, Hurford in D, Panis angelicus, Very Rev R Furnell; 11.30, Sumsion in G, O most merciful (Bullock); 12.50 World *War II Ladies' Reunion; 4 E, Stanford in C*, Let all the world (Vaughan Williams), Rev C Stanbridge.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd), *Locus iste (Bruckner)*, The Dean; 3.30 EP.

ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 Cymun Bendigaid, Yr Is-Ganon; 9.30 Parish Euch, The Succentor; 11.15 Choral M, Dyson in D, Te Deum (Ireland in C), Ave verum corpus (Elgar); 6 Choral E, Noble in B minor, O thou the central orb (Wood), The Canon.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 6 L Mass; 11.30 *Solemn Mass*, Fr G Bradley.

ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8 Morning HC, Rev D Robertson; 10 Morning HC, The Very Rev J Paterson, *Communion Service (Leighton)*; 11.30 Morning, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), The Very Rev J Paterson; 6 St Giles at Six, Organ Recital; 8 Evening, Rev J Williams.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC; 8.45 M; 11 S Euch, Missa brevis (Leighton), I love the Lord (Harvey), Rev M Saward; 3.15 E, Stanford in G, Lord let me know mine end (Parry), Rev J Paul.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Mass for five voices (Byrd), The Vicar; 6 E&B, Wood in D, The Vicar.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9 Communion; 11 Preb R Bewes; 6.30 Rev Dr J Stott.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Mass for five voices (Byrd), Hei mihi Domine (Donati), Ne irascaris Domine (Byrd).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 11 Parish Communion, Rt Rev D Bond; 6 E, Rt Rev D Bond.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH, Curzon St, W1: 11.15 Rev D Townsend; 12.20 HC; 6.30 Dr P Green.

FARM STREET, W1: 8, 9.30, 12.30, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton *Road, SW7: 9 ASB HC, Rev R Thorpe; 11* Family, Rev S Downham; 5, 7.30, Rev N Lee.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa brevis (Palestrina), *Fac cum servo tuo (Byrd)*; 12.30, 4.30, 7 Mass; 3.30 V & B, Caro mea (Guerrero).

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH, Iverna Gdns, W8: 11 Holy Mass, Archbishop Y Gizirian.

***WESLEY'S CHAPEL**, City Road, EC2: Rev P* Sutcliffe.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30, Rev Dr P Graves.

***ST ANNE AND ST AGNES** (Lutheran)*, Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev Dr J Schneider; 2 Swahili HC, Rev J Shabaya.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa *Prudentes virgines (Lobo), Rev S Cutt*; 6.30 E, Purcell in G minor, I was glad (Purcell), Rev A Winter.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), O salutaris hostia (Elgar), Canon B Christianson; 6.30 Choral E, First Service (Ward), Bring us O Lord God (Harris), Guild Chaplain W Boulton.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Choral Euch, Communion, Darke in F, *Jesu grant me* this I pray (Bairstow), Rev P Bishop.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev C MacLeod; 6.30 Rev W Cairns.

***ST ETHELDREDA'S**, Ely Place: 9, 11 Sung* Mass, Missa Brevis (Britten), Ave Maria (Liszt), O Bone Jesu (Deering).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Messe Basse (Fauré), The *Rector.*

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev M Robins; 5.45 EP.

ST JOHN'S, Stratford E15: 11 Family Communion, Fantasia in C minor (Bach), *Rev D Richards; 6.30 EP, Rev J Meadway.*

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 10.30 S Euch, Teach me O Lord (Byrd), Rev D Watson; 12.15 HC; 6.30 E, O nata lux (Tallis), Rev D Watson.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 9.45 Family Communion; 11 S Euch, Merbecke, Rev T Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Canon D Gray.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC (1662); 9.45 Euch, Rev L Mathebula; 11.30 Visitors, Rev C Herbert; 12.30 HC, Rev W Ratchford; 2.45 Chinese, Rev C Herbert; 5 Choral E; 6.30 Evening, Rev L Mathebula.

ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, Kensington W8: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 Parish Euch, The Vicar; 11.15 Choral M, Rev F Gelli; 6.30 E, Rev M Fuller.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 10, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa brevis (Caldara), Canon G Reid; 6 Solemn E & B.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Mass setting New English Hymnal, Rev J Ovenden; 6 EP.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Mass (Merbecke), Rev T Clark; 6.30 Ministry of Healing, Rev I Thurston.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Rev C Courtauld.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 S Euch, Mass for four voices (Tallis), Jubilate Deo (Purcell), Fr D Tillyer.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 9 LM; 11 HM, Messe Basse (Fauré), O mysterium ineffabile (Lallouette), Ave verum (Fauré), Fr R Bushau.

CHAPEL ROYAL, *Hampton Court Palace:* 8.30 HC (1662).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev S Hobbs.

GUARDS CHAPEL, *Wellington Barracks*, SW1: 11 Choral HC, O almighty God (Barcrofte), Jackson in G, Lord that descendest (Gritton), Band of the Coldstream Guards, Rev J Gough.

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Ephesians 1 : 18 (REB)

BIRTHS

ARCHER - On 28th July 1996, to Gillian and Mark, a son, Benedict James, 9lbs 6oz. 'Let wonder seem familiar.'

BARRETT - On July 23rd, to Jane Asscher and Stephen, a daughter, Sasha Elizabeth, a sister for Lucy.

BYRNE - On July 19th in Truro, to Susie (née Bates) and Dominic, a son, Charles Louis Vincent, a brother for Kitty and Nick.

CLEMENSSON - On July 30th, to Martin and Linda, a daughter, Lovisa Bella.

DALLEN - On 2nd August at Maitland Hospital, NSW, to Sally (née Edwards) and Phillip, a daughter, Claire Louise.

GOODWIN - On 31st July, to Jane (née Ogilvy) and Alan, a baby boy, George Benjamin, a brother for Hannah.

HAVERS - On 23rd July, to Sally (née Hooker) and Simon, a son, Noah Simon Robert.

MacEACHARN - On 29th July, to Katie (née Ashton) and Miles, a son, William Hugh Donald, a brother for Hattie.

MAXTON - On July 23rd 1996, to Peter and Nichola, a lovely son, Milo Murray.

MILLER - On 31st July 1996, to Sara Jane Indira (née Kotval) and Peter Owen Michael, a son, Eden Joshua-Leigh.

MINGAY - On July 13th, 1996 to Kate (née Arnheim) and Ben, a daughter, Alice Eleanor.

MOCKRIDGE - On 20th July 1996, to Tanya (née Blumenfeld) and Jeffrey, a daughter, Amy Beatrix Daisy.

NOLAN - On July 19th 1996, to Sally (née Wilson) and Dermot, a son, Oscar James Fintan.

BIRTHS

NEWMAN - On July 8th 1996, to Lucilla (née Thomas-Everard) and Timothy, a son, Hector Bartholomew Edward, a brother for Nathaniel.

PAUL - On July 30th at The Portland Hospital, to *Deborah (née Hood)* and Sebastian, a beautiful baby boy, Christian Edward Andrew.

PRINGLE - On July 11th 1996, to Charlotte and Andrew, a daughter, Anabel Christian.

REDHEAD - To Karen and Alexander on 26th July 1996, in Yorkshire, a handsome son, Arthur Logan William Goane. Grandson of Prof. and Mrs Michael Redhead and Dr. and Mrs James Heale.

SERGEANT - On 17th July in *Norwich, to Brenda and* Julian, a son, Edwin James, a brother for Tim.

STRAZDING - Denis on July 31st at The Portland Hospital, to Daria and Oleg Strazding, a lovely and beautiful boy.

SUNLEY - On August 1st, to Fiona and John, a daughter, Georgiana Margaret, a sister for Alexander Jack.

VON SIMSON - On July 25th at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah (née Phillips) and Piers, a son, Thomas Maximilian, a half-brother for Cam, Isabel and James.

WADDINGTON - On 29th July 1996, to Lucy (née Turnbull) and Charles, a son, Nicholas James, a brother for Toby.

DEATHS

BALEAN - On 31st July, peacefully in hospital following a short illness, Sqn. Ldr. Peter Bradford Balean, aged 75 years, husband of Dorothy and father of Richard. Cremation private. A memorial service will be announced later.

DEATHS

BENNETT - Frank Bennett O.B.E. peacefully at his home on Rodborough Common, Stroud, Glos., on 31st July, aged 87 years (formerly of Edge). Beloved husband of Sybil, dear father of Nigel, Graham and Elisabeth and a much loved grandfather. Funeral Service at Edge Parish Church on Thursday August 8th at 11 am, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be sent for the Royal National Institute for the Blind c/o Philip Ford & Son, Funeral Directors, Dirleton House, Cainscross Road, Stroud, Glos.

CHARRINGTON - On August 1st 1996, peacefully at her daughter's home, Shirrenden, after a short, tragic illness. Jacqui, adored wife of the late Greville Charrington M.C. and dearly beloved mother of Nikki and Richard, grandmother of Camilla, Anna, Geoffrey (decd.), Saskia, Georgina, Freddie and Nicholas and beloved sister of Nanette. Funeral Service at St Margaret's Church, *Horsmonden, Kent* on Wednesday 7th August at 3pm. Family flowers only please, but donations may be made to The Friends of the Marden Medical Centre, Marden, Kent TN12 9HP.

de RAUCH - Constance Iris reunited with her beloved Michael on July 31st. Funeral Service at St Faith's Crematorium, Norwich, Norfolk on Thursday August 8th at 11.30 am. Enquiries please to Breckland Funeral Services. (01953) 881229.

DEATHS

DUCHEN - Prof. Leo W., aged 67, peacefully at home on August 2nd. Beloved husband of the late Myra, father of Michael, Claire and Jessica. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, East Chapel, Tuesday, August 6th at 4.15 pm. Donations to RFH Palliative Care Team (Cheques to Grant 558), Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, London NW3.

FOLEY - William S. (Bill) peacefully at home July 31st aged 93. Much loved father of Jane and Simon and grandfather. Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Kingston Road, Teddington, 11.30 am Thursday August 8th followed by cremation at Mortlake Crematorium 1 pm. Family flowers only - Donations to Royal Star and Garter Home or to P.T.B.I.

GARDINER - Guy Clavell Inge, CBE, FRAeS, peacefully at home after a long illness on 1st August aged 80. Dearly loved husband, father and *grandfather. Funeral Service* at the Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, Bucks. at noon on Wednesday 7th August. Family flowers only - donations if desired to The Iain Rennie Hospice at Home, Cedar Barn, Cedar Avenue, Haslemere, High Wycombe, Bucks. HP15 7DW.

DEATHS

GILSON - Cyril, of Bath and formerly of Kilmersdon, husband of the late Brenda *(née Legge), passed away* suddenly but peacefully at home on Wednesday 31st July. Funeral service and burial at Kilmersdon Parish Church on Friday 9th August at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please - all enquiries to be made to W.F. Dotman & Son, 9 Walcot Terrace, Bath, tel: (01225) 444110. *Donations may be made c/o* W.F. Dotman for the benefit of the Timsbury Cheshire Home Amenity Fund or the Salvation Army for the Smallcombe House Fund. A Memorial Service will be held at Central United Reformed Church, Bath, on Friday 30th August at 3 pm.

GRANT - Francis Hugh B.D.S., aged 60, on Tuesday 30th July, at home of cancer. Much loved husband of Barbara, father of Kevin, Kathryn, Timothy and William. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Service Friday 9th August 12 noon, Robin Hood Crematorium, Streetsbrook Road, Solihull, followed by burial, Tanworth-in-Arden Parish Church. All welcome. *Flowers to Thomas Bragg & Sons*, 562 Stratford Road, Solihull, B90 4AY.

HENNELL - Canon Michael Murray on August 1st 1996, peacefully aged 77 years. All enquiries to Quinns Funeral Service, Hoylake, Wirral, (0151) 632-2205.

LIVESLEY - Cynthia Mary, died peacefully in her sleep at her home in Totnes, Devon, on 26th July 1996. May she rest in peace.

DEATHS

MONROE - *Robert* on August 1st 1996 suddenly at home, beloved husband of Susan, *devoted father of Jeremy*, Duncan and Charles and much loved grandfather. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Lower Heswall, on Wednesday 7th August at 12.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Injured Jockeys' Fund c/o Charles Stephens Funeral Directors, 179 Telegraph Road, Heswall, Wirral, L60 7SE.

MONTAGU - On 1st August 1996, aged 86, at Cannes, France, George Frederick Osbaldeston Montagu, late *Major Coldstream Guards*, beloved husband of Jacqueline and devoted father of Anne and John. Funeral at Holy Trinity Church, Cannes, at 10 am on August 6th.

MUNN - *J. Michael, F.R.I.C.S.*, aged 57. Lost his battle against MS and died, dignified and quietly on 24th July, surrounded in love. A modest, stoical, humorous Yorkshire man. Enquiries to the Funeral Director, Morley Penrose, Truro, tel: (01872) 863596.

OLIVER - Dennis (Dr.) of Bodfari, Denbigh, N. Wales. Died unexpectedly in hospital on 31st July, strengthened by prayer and love, after emergency surgery. Beautiful husband and best friend of Liz and much loved by many. Formerly Director of Research & Development, Pilkington, St Helens. 'A Man For All Seasons'. Enquiries to *(01745) 710354.*

DEATHS

ORR-LEWIS - Ann Phyllis on 1st August peacefully at home, mother of Glen, grandmother of Jane, Lucy, Charlotte, Emily and Alexander and great-grandmother of Daisy. Private cremation. Memorial Service on Tuesday 17th September 12 noon at St Paul's, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge, London.

TEE - Wesley John on 1st August 1996 at home aged 91 years. Much loved by his five surviving children, his fifteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. *Funeral Service* on Wednesday 7th August 2 pm at St Peter's Church, Little Warley, Brentwood, Essex, for family and close friends. Flowers welcome or donations to Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London EC2. A Thanksgiving Service to be announced later. All enquiries to West & Coe Funeral Directors, 620 Rainham Road South, Dagenham, Essex, (0181) 592-0164.

THOMAS - Audrey (née Prescot Hill) *on 1st August aged 86*. Widow of Tony, mother of Pam, Basil, Stephen and Charles, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral in Willaston Parish Church, South Wirral at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 6th August.

von SENGER - Dietrich born Kaiserstuhl, Switzerland 1913, died August 2nd Umzumbe, South Africa. Beloved husband, father and grandfather.

WILBERFORCE - On July 30th, John aged 83 years of Corbridge. Great great-grandson of the Emancipator. Loving husband of Sybil, father of Richard and Andrea. *Private* cremation. Service of Remembrance St Andrew's Church, Corbridge, on Wednesday August 7th at 2.30 pm.

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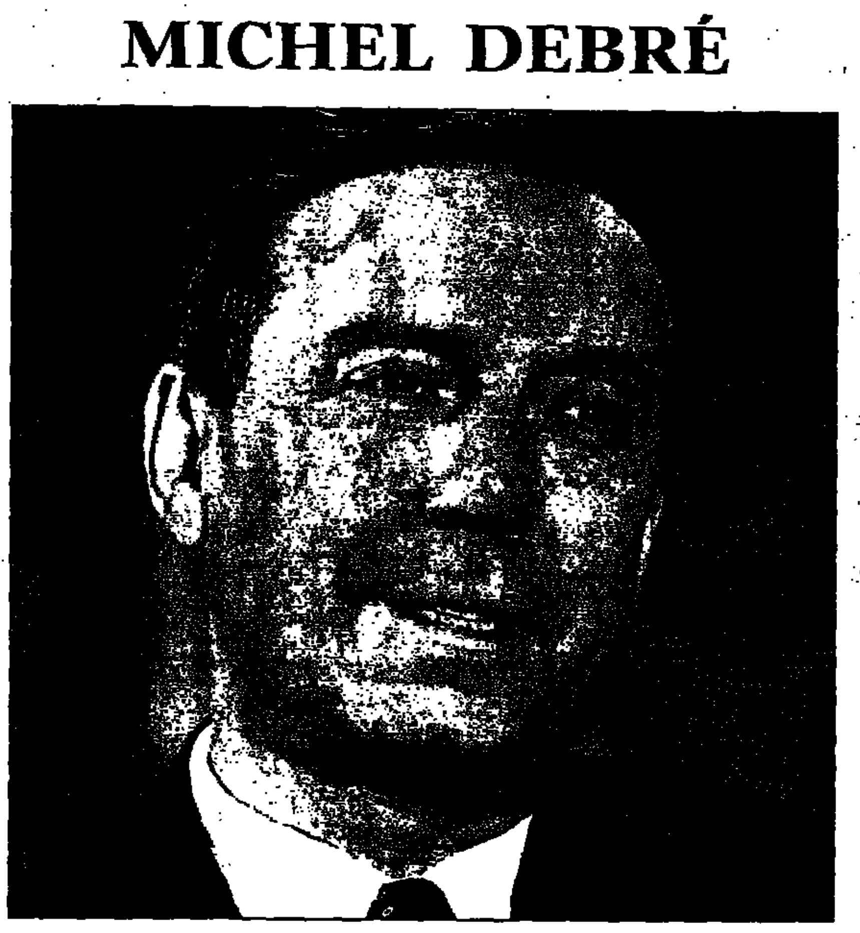

Michel Debré, Prime Minister of France, 1959-62, died in Montlouis-sur-Loire yesterday aged 84. He was born in Paris on January 15, 1912.

MICHEL DEBRÉ was Prime Minister of France during that period, in the late 1950s and early 1960s, when Algeria was the main preoccupation of the French nation. He was one of the oldest and most faithful Gaullists, one of the men most directly responsible for de Gaulle's return to power in 1958; and as Minister of Justice (Garde des Sceaux) in the last Government of the Fourth Republic headed by General de Gaulle, he was the main author of the constitution of the Fifth Republic. It was an asset for de Gaulle that the head of the Government should have been a strong supporter of French Algeria; this disarmed the suspicion of the army chiefs in Algeria and singularly helped the double game which de Gaulle had to play in his cautious approach to giving Algeria independence.

Debré had a greater passion than the defence of French Algeria and that was the reconstruction of a powerful French state; hence he was able to subordinate his views over Algeria to a more important cause. Nevertheless, the sacrifices he had to make were painful and he was glad to resign in April 1962. He had had many clashes with de Gaulle and not all over Algeria.

Debré's constitution was a hybrid, avoiding both the sovereignty of the National Assembly, which was a Republican tradition, and a Presidential constitution. He was a believer in the power of texts and he had confidence that his constitutional rules would provide stable, authoritative governments and also the proper balance between Government, Assembly and President.

It was often said that the constitution of the Fifth Republic was tailor-made for de Gaulle. This was an error; the General, partly because of the crisis in Algeria and partly because of his own temperament, split the seams of the garment he was meant to wear. In devising this constitution, Debré was concerned with France after de Gaulle, when a less omnipotent man would live in the Elysée and when the prestige of Parliament would have recovered from the blow it had received in 1958. If Debré's constitution was much criticized at the time — and it was undeniably hastily drafted — it became tacitly accepted by most French political leaders to an extent greater than they were willing to admit publicly.

After 1962 Debré held important ministerial offices from 1965 to 1973, being, under President Pompidou, the least feverish of the old guard Gaullist critics but the one most to be watched and placated. No-one would accuse Debré of being a time-server and when he subordinated his own convictions it was because he considered the State first. "Our persons are of no account and our institutions themselves are only valid in so far as they serve the State."

These words, spoken in January 1959 before the Assembly, express the impulse behind Debré's career. He was a rare combination of a man of violent passion and great administrative ability. His capacity for work was immense and the flow of ordinances and decrees by which the first Government of the Fifth Republic carried into law hundreds of useful and often humdrum records, which had been waiting for years for the time for consideration, were many of them rewritten and introduced by the Prime Minister himself.

To his colleagues and subordinates he showed himself critical of inefficiency with unusual frankness. A letter to a colleague could begin "Mon Cher" but end with "I must ask you to take action at once, failing which, within one week, I shall have to find someone else less muddled and incompetent to take your place".

In the Assembly he was inclined to coerce and lecture rather than persuade. He was not a particularly good speaker and his physical presence, below medium height with a rather round face and a high forehead, was unimpressive. But his serious character and his respect for Parliament always won him an audience in the Assembly and the grudging esteem of his opponents.

Michel Jean-Pierre Debré was, on the paternal side, of Jewish ancestry, a grandfather having been a Rabbi. His father, Professor Robert Debré, was a well-known children's specialist, and President of the French Medical Association in 1958. His mother, née Jeanne Debat-Ponsan, was also a doctor.

Debré was educated in Paris, and went to the Faculté de Droit of the Sorbonne. At 23 he was the first in the entrance examination to the Conseil d'État and a brilliant career in the Civil Service was open to him. In 1938 he was working for Paul Reynaud, then Finance Minister, and met and admired Colonel de Gaulle, the principal advocate, with Reynaud, of an armoured striking force.

He joined the Army in 1939, was taken prisoner and escaped from Germany in 1941. He made his way to Morroco and joined the Free French. In 1942 he returned to France as one of de Gaulle's agents, his particular task being that of planning the Gaullist administration which was to be set up when France was liberated. It was Debré who drew up the list of prefects and senior officials who would operate at the time of takeover. One of his first tasks after the war was the creation of the National School of Administration, a body which greatly helped to bring the French Civil Service to a high pitch of efficiency.

In 1947 Debré took part in the Rassemblement du Peuple Français but, like his leader, mistrusted the huge influx of former supporters of Vichy who joined the Gaullist rally. He entered the Senate in 1948. His most important work began around 1952 when he started to use his influence to pack the French administration with men who, like him, saw that the only hope of a strong France lay in the return of de Gaulle.

Debré took part in most of the plots against the Fourth Republic. Publicly, he earned the reputation of the most violent of the enemies of "the System" and was nicknamed "Father Anger" from a weekly which he produced called *Le Courrier de la colère*. His polemical book, *Ces Princes qui nous gouvernent*, compared France's political party leaders with the court of Louis XVI trying to maintain its privileges while the country tottered to ruin.

In 1965 Debré returned to Government as Economics and Finance Minister. Three years later, in the Couve de Murville administration, formed after the "events of May", he was in charge of foreign affairs. President Pompidou made him Minister of Defence in 1969, a post which he held until April 1973 when the second Government, headed by Pierre Messmer, was formed after the general election. He declined office, but his departure may have been viewed without regret by the President. Debré had introduced a Bill cancelling most of the deferments of military service for students, which had caused an outcry in the country and which the Government withdrew.

In October 1973 Debré led a number of Gaullists in opposition to President Pompidou's proposal to shorten the duration of the President's term of office so as to make it coincide with that of the elected Assembly. Debré considered this would lessen the importance of the election of the President by suffrage and could lead to further tampering with the constitution of the Fifth Republic.

Under the Giscard presidency, Debré criticised both the Chirac and the Barre Governments for policies which he considered weakened the State, such as the elections for a European Parliament. Indeed the State, even more than de Gaulle had been, was always the primary object of his loyalty. A propos of Italy he wrote in *Le Monde* in 1978 that there were five recipes for killing a State, of which one or two were supportable but all present together were fatal. These were proportional representation; political appointments to important economic posts; several police and paramilitary security forces instead of one; regionalism which encouraged local loyalties at the expense of national feeling; and European integration.

There was a final chapter to his political ambitions, when he stood for president in 1981. But there was never a realistic chance of his being elected and, in the event, he won only one per cent of the vote.

He did not disappear from the political scene completely, however. He remained an *éminence grise* of the Gaullists. Chirac called him a "référence" — or figurehead of the movement, and often consulted him. He continued to write for *Le Figaro*, on matters such as Maastricht. After quitting Parliament in 1988, he sat on the Indre-et-Loire council. He retired from politics formally in 1992, a week after his 80th birthday.

He was mayor of Ambroise from 1966 until 1989. It was there that he revealed a more human side to his character. He was amiable with the local people, and even known to display something of the common touch which he had never quite been able to muster in Paris. His publications recently included a fascinating volume of correspondence: *Entretiens avec Pompidou, 1971-74*.

Michel Debré married Anne-Marie Lemaresquier in 1936. He is survived by his wife and by their four sons, of which one, Jean-Louis, is Interior Minister and another, Bernard, was the former Minister for Co-operation.

GENERAL MUHAMMAD FARRAH AIDID

General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, leader of the Somali National Alliance, died in Mogadishu on August 1 aged 59. He was born in Belet Huen, Somalia, on December 15, 1936.

TO THE world's most powerful army he was a terrorist. To the hungry, proud and desperate people that he led he was a redeemer. But however he will be remembered, the death of the Somali warlord Muhammad Farrah Aidid marks the end of a tragic, violent chapter in the history of Africa, the United States and the United Nations.

Aidid died after being hit by two bullets during fighting in the central Medina district of the Somali capital, Mogadishu. Having been deserted last year by his closest allies, Aidid had become increasingly active as a front-line commander of his troops in the state of constant war which has raged in the city since UN troops left Somalia to its fate in March 1995.

Aidid was an Italian-trained army general whose political ambitions evolved in response to the brutal 21-year dictatorship of Somali President Muhammad Siad Barre. Born the son of a camel herder in the central town of Belet Huen, "Aidid" was the nickname given to Muhammad Farrah Hassan by his family. In 1950 he joined the army and was sent to a military academy in Italy, which was then ruling southern Somalia under a UN mandate, while the northern part of the country was under British rule.

At Somali independence in 1960 he became an officer in the newly-formed army, and rose through the ranks until the military coup of October 21, 1969, which brought General Siad Barre to power. Aidid was initially named as Barre's chief of military intelligence, but soon afterwards was jailed on suspicion of plotting to seize power. He languished in prison until 1975.

Close confidantes of Aidid said that it was during his years in prison that he changed from being a promising career soldier to nursing thoughts of revenge against Barre's increasing brutality. While a prisoner of the regime, Aidid became so hungry that he was forced to eat the soap he had been provided with to wash himself before Muslim prayers.

The experience of prison is said to have intensified his manner and provoked irrational outbursts which he directed into plotting and vengefulness. Upon being released in October 1975, Siad Barre attempted a sort of reconciliation, using Aidid's military knowledge in an advisory role during Somalia's 1977 invasion of the ethnically Somali Ogaden region of Ethiopia.

Aidid then surprised his associates by accepting the post of Somali ambassador to India. It was thought that he had accepted being sidelined by the increasingly paranoid Siad Barre. In fact he had other plans, and used his period abroad to plan a return to Somalia.

Establishing contacts with other opponents of the Barre regime, particularly those from the Hawiye clan of which he was part, Aidid slowly assembled an opposition movement which based itself in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa, at that time under the control of the Marxist Haile Mengistu Mariam.

General Mengistu's war with Barre in the Ogaden had brought Somali-Ethiopian relations to breaking point. Opponents of the regime in Mogadishu were welcomed by the Ethiopian government until a rapprochement between the two Governments in 1988 forced Aidid's United Somali Congress-Somali National Alliance (USC-SNA) back into Somalia, precipitating the civil war which led to Barre's fall in 1991.

Barre's fall exposed the divisions within the USC-SNA. Aidid led a faction dominated by his Hawiye sub-clan, the Habre Gedir, while another was led by his former ally, Ali Mahdi Muhammad and the Abgal, also a sub-clan of the Hawiye.

As inter-clan fighting gripped Somalia, famine stalked the country killing 350,000 people by December 1992, and leading the United Nations to despatch an American-led military force, Operation Restore Hope, to assist in the distribution of food. Aidid viewed the UN operation suspiciously. Relations between himself and the UN special representative, the retired US Admiral Jonathon Howe, deteriorated as Aidid faced increasing blame for the failure to resolve the political and military crisis which had caused the famine.

On June 17, 1993, the UN Operation in Somalia, UNOSOM, issued a warrant for Aidid's arrest when he was accused of ordering an ambush which left 24 Pakistani UN troops dead and their bodies mutilated. The warrant launched the UN, and its American-led Quick Reaction Force, into a series of bloody and intense battles with Aidid's gunmen, which turned Mogadishu into a war zone for the following five months.

By a twist of fate, one of Aidid's sons, Hussein Farrah, who lived in Los Angeles, served two weeks of active duty with the US Marine Corps in Somalia but was returned home before US forces began chasing down his father.

On October 3, 18 American soldiers were killed after launching an attempt to capture Aidid which left 300 Somalis dead and Aidid still at large. The subsequent publicity surrounding the mutilation of dead American soldiers whose bodies were filmed being dragged through the streets, forced President Clinton to abandon the hunt for Aidid and plan a speedy American withdrawal from Somalia.

Victorious at having seen-off the might of the 30,000-strong American-led force, Aidid pursued his objective of capturing those towns which had fallen to his rivals. Somalia was once again in the grip of the warlords whose lust for power had brought the country to its knees and dug the graves of thousands of its citizens.

Throughout, Aidid refused to accept that he had become part of the problem rather than a solution. A meeting with "The General", as his tough, loyal henchmen called him, was always slightly unnerving. Though daubed a "warlord", Aidid's small, piercing eyes sparkled as brightly as the huge diamond he wore in a gold ring on his finger, giving him the air of a benevolent, greying grandfather. He had a slight limp and he always carried an elaborate, carved cane to help him to walk. He was always immaculately dressed, his neatly-ironed shirts remaining uncreased even as the country he hoped to rule collapsed into war, famine and anarchy.

A UN force replaced the humiliated American troops, but could do little to stop Aidid's ambitions, reluctant as they were to cross what has since become known as the "Mogadishu Line", when peacekeepers become embroiled in war. The UN finally pulled out last year on March 2, bloodied and disappointed. Aidid rejoiced, despite being deserted by his main backer Osman Ali Ato, whose split with Aidid left him fighting a war on two fronts in the city.

Aidid then embarked on the military campaign which he was fighting against Ali Mahdi Muhammad in the heart of the war-wracked capital. He was finally struck by two bullets on July 24. Doctors were treating the wounds when he died of a liver infection and a heart attack.

Muhammad Farrah Aidid is survived by his third wife, Khadija Said Gurhan, and by the 14 children of his three marriages.

DR BRIAN SELLICK

Dr Brian Sellick, consultant anaesthetist, died in Devonshire on July 13 aged 78. He was born in Dorking on June 13, 1918.

BRIAN SELLICK was an essentially modest man who enjoyed a brilliant career as a pioneering and innovative anesthetist. Educated at Caterham School, where he played rugby for the 1st XV, he studied medicine at the Middlesex Hospital, where he won the student prize for surgery and qualified in 1941.

He served two years in the RNVR as surgeon lieutenant in the Far East and Australia. In November 1946 he was appointed as honorary anaesthetist to the Middlesex Hospital, and thereafter to the consultant staff of both Harefield and the Royal Masonic Hospitals.

He was elected Fellow of the Faculty of Anesthetists of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1953, served as a board member, 1962-72, and then as vice-dean from 1972 to 1974, during which time he also served for the faculty on the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He was awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal College of Anaesthetists in 1989, and the Henry Hill Hickman Medal by the Royal Society of Medicine in 1994.

He pioneered anaesthesia for cardiac surgery, and developed techniques for patients undergoing extra-corporeal cooling. His outstanding contribution to anaesthesia, however, was the technique which became known as "Sellick's Manoeuvre".

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Since he retired to his beloved Devonshire in 1979 he had been active in the local community. He was chairman of the South Hams Society, the principal conservation organisation in that part of Devonshire, for ten years, and thereafter became president. He loved gardening and working with wood.

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ON THIS DAY

August 3, 1882

This unusual case had its roots in the murder of Lord Frederick Cavendish, Chief Secretary for Ireland, and Mr Thomas Burke in Phoenix Park, Dublin, on May 6, 1882. For Mertens, it was said that he had composed and set up only a small portion of the article in the publication Freiheit.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT, Aug 2.

(*Before* MR JUSTICE STEPHEN.)

William Mertens, a compositor, who was yesterday convicted of having published in the *Freiheit* a scandalous, wicked, and immoral libel concerning the murder of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Mr. Thomas H. Burke, was brought up to receive judgment, his Lordship having taken time to consider what sentence he should pass.

Mr. S. BENNETT, having addressed the Court in mitigation of punishment, the prisoner, through M. Albert, the interpreter, stated that when he entered the office of the *Freiheit* as a compositor, he did so, as anyone else might do, to look for work. At that time he did not belong to any club or society. As to the number of the paper containing the article complained of, he only composed and set up a very little portion of it on the second page. The article which appeared on the first page he only saw after it had been printed, and even had it been contrary to his own feelings and wishes, he could not have helped the matter, but he should not have written such an article himself.

A witness was then called to speak to the prisoner's good character, and it was stated that he was not a man of any pronounced political views.

MR. JUSTICE STEPHEN, in passing sentence, told the prisoner that he stood convicted of publishing a libel, and that libel was certainly one of a very infamous nature. It was impossible to speak too strongly of the abominable matter which was contained in it. One person (Schwelm) had already been convicted of a similar offence in respect to another article, and as he undoubtedly had had a leading part in the publication of the paper, he received very properly a severe sentence of 18 months' imprisonment. With regard to the prisoner, however, it did not appear that he had anything to do with the composition of the article——he meant the writing of it: but whoever had written it had committed a crime, as to which, on that occasion, he would say no more. He thought it was possible that the jury might take the view that the prisoner had acted merely as a compositor, and quite mechanically in what he did, and if they had seen their way to acquit him upon that ground, he would have been spared the painful duty which he had then to perform. But they could not take that view . . . Taking into consideration that the prisoner was a married man, with a good character, he sentenced him to three months' imprisonment.

HORSES IN EGYPT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,——I cannot help suggesting that to send the Household Cavalry chargers out to a summer campaign in Egypt will be barbarous cruelty and great waste of good horseflesh. What will those grand, heavy horses of the Life Guards do under that blazing sun? The thermometer there is 40deg. (Réaumur) in the shade. If the Life Guards must be sent out cannot they be given, *pro tem*, at least, chargers inured to a hot climate? It is certain their own chargers, grand creatures as they are, will die by hundreds.

July 30 OUIDA

["OUIDA" (Louise de la Rainée was a sensationally successful novelist]

THE TIMES TODAY

SATURDAY AUGUST 3 1996

NEWS

Europe ready to scrap beef deal

■ John Major's hopes of lifting most of the ban on British beef exports by November were in tatters last night after Germany and Brussels virtually tore up the deal that ended the beef war with Europe.

After the revelation that mad cow disease can be passed from mother to calf, Franz Fischler, the European Agriculture Commissioner, has called for a rethink of the framework drawn up in Florence six weeks ago .... **Pages 1, 4**

Ulster Volunteers disband rogue group

■ The loyalist terrorist group, the Ulster Volunteer Force, disbanded a rogue unit that has persistently called for an end to the loyalist ceasefire .... **Page 1**

Training for terrorists

Iran runs a network of 11 training camps for foreign terrorists, according to a report based on classified American intelligence documents .... **Page 1**

Lewis heads for record

America's star athlete Carl Lewis will probably have a chance today to become the most gilded Olympian of all time — but only after a rum chapter of committee-room manoeuvres and commercial muscle-flexing .... **Page 1**

Wealthy workers

A two-storey office block in Derby houses one of the richest collections of employees in Britain — Porterbrook directors .... **Page 2**

Contestant paralysed

A woman Gladiators contestant was lying paralysed in hospital after a terrifying fall during rehearsals for the television series. She suffered serious spinal injuries while rehearsing for the combat game .... **Page 3**

Eagles to be freed

A batch of rare white-tailed sea eagles is being freed in Scotland despite growing anger among farmers who say the birds are killing livestock .... **Page 5**

Hume criticised

"Pro-life" campaigners have criticised Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, for saying that frozen embryos should be allowed to die .... **Page 10**

Final appearance

The premier sailing regatta opens at Cowes today with the *Britannia* lending her regal presence for the last time .... **Page 11**

Warlord shot dead

General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the Somali warlord, has died from bullet wounds .... **Page 12**

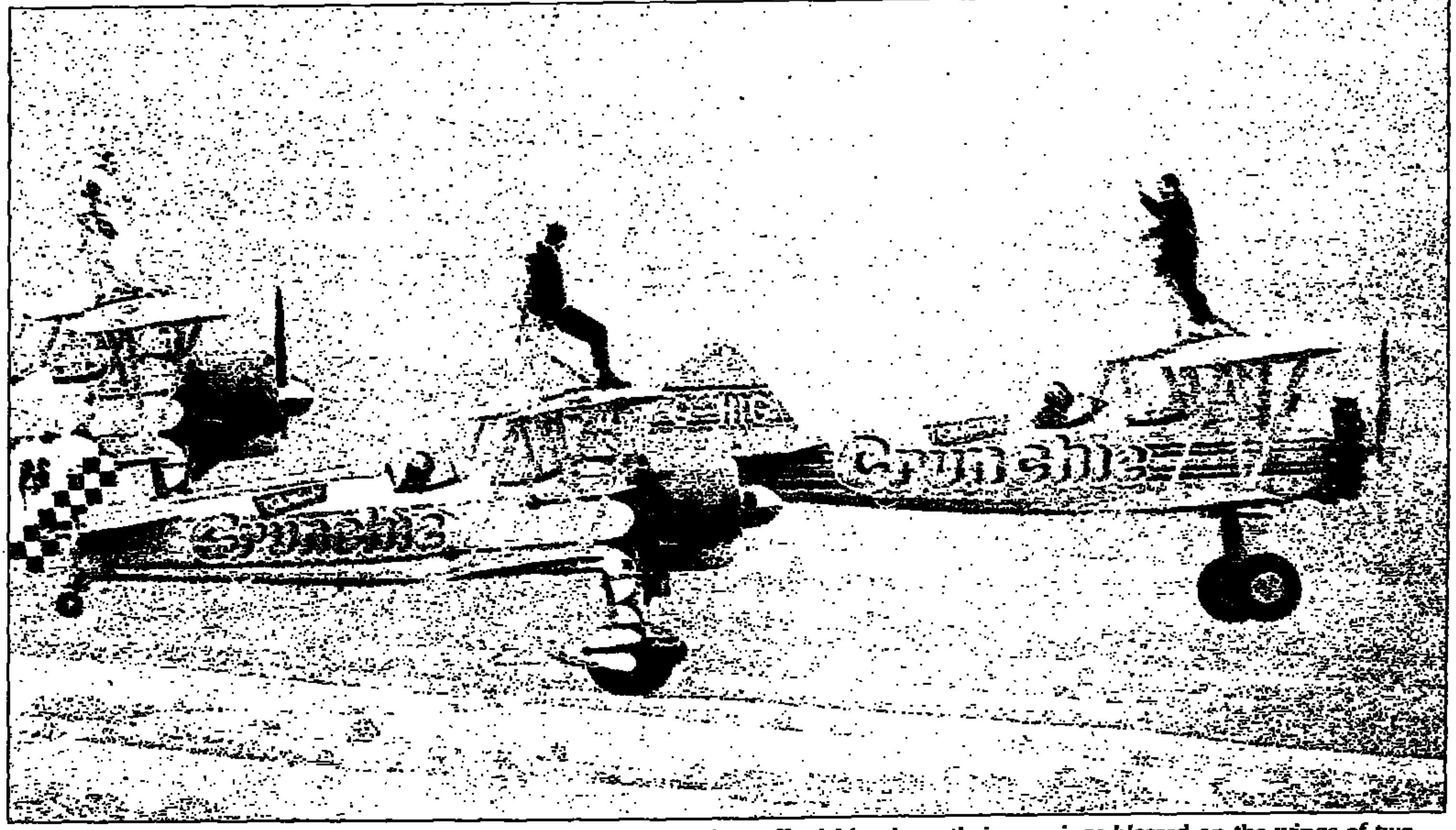
Decision for Dole

Next Saturday Bob Dole will conclude a humiliating US spectacle when he announces his choice for Vice-President .... **Page 13**

Newcastle in line to be story corner

■ Britain's first museum devoted to children's literature is intended to stop manuscripts and illustrations being snapped up by overseas collectors. Newcastle upon Tyne is being considered as a home for The Centre for the Children's Book .... **Page 7**

COLIN SHEPHERD



Dave Lawrence and his bride, Jane Harland, from Tamworth in Staffordshire, have their marriage blessed on the wings of two 50-year-old biplanes by the Rev Anthony Kelton, who was strapped to the wings of a third plane. The ceremony took place at 1,500ft

OPINION

Justice denied: An important war crimes trial in Italy has culminated in a judgment so grotesque that Italians have once again risen in outrage .... **Page 21**

Nanny State: To allow people with family responsibilities to keep more of their own income is far healthier for society than to make them dependent on the State's largesse .... **Page 21**

LETTERS

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Richard Shone: When Graham Sutherland painted Somerset Maugham, Maugham came greatly to admire it .... **Page 20**

Paul Barker: Every big city is ringed by towns and villages that once were little rural jewels .... **Page 20**

OBITUARIES

Michel Debré, French Prime Minister; **General Muhammad Farrah Aidid**, Somali leader .... **Page 23**

BUSINESS

Hush Puppies: Sears is selling the Saxone and Hush Puppies brands and paying £8.75 million to have 61 of its shops at the centre of the Facia collapse taken off its hands .... **Page 25**

Milken: Michael Milken, the disgraced former junk bond trader, is involved in the takeover of a British firm **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 36.2 points to 3770.6. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 84.7 to 84.1 after a fall from $1.5568 to $1.5425 and from DM2.2946 to DM2.2795 .... **Page 28**

SPORT

Olympic Games: Michael Johnson, of the United States, and Marie-Jose Perec, of France, completed their 400-200 metre doubles in Atlanta .... **Pages 46 and 48**

Cricket: England's selectors will be tempted to jettison wicketkeeper Jack Russell for next week's Headingley Test for which Darren Gough is set to be recalled ...... **Page 47**

Golf: Ian Richardson and his son Carl, 19, who hoped to make history by meeting in the English Amateur Championship final, were beaten at Hollinwell .... **Page 42**

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Fringe flops: The Edinburgh Festival Fringe is not all quality art and culture, as Richard Morrison discovers .... **Page 17**

Thumbs up: Benedict Nightingale on the English Touring Company's *Hedda Gabler* ..... **Page 17**

Historic houses: A comparison between French chateaux and Britain's stately homes .... **Page 18**

CAR 96

Enthusiast-run firms are smarting from copyright purges

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How do your pray? Ruth Gledhill reports. **Pages 1,2**

Books: Life of James Dean; Ben Elton's *Popcorn*; Martin Bell on a Gulf War hero **Pages 10, 11**

10 15

Bill Pullman, the President in a new film, recalls meeting Bill Clinton
Win: a US holiday. **Page 3**

VISION

Europe on the road: a new Channel 4 show, Saturday, 7.10pm
New age: BBC2's bolder generation, Sunday, 7pm

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,237

ABERLOUR

A limited edition, 1970 vintage bottle of Aberlour single malt whisky, the only malt whisky to have twice won the prestigious Gold Medal and Pot Still Trophy at the International Wine & Spirit Competition, will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

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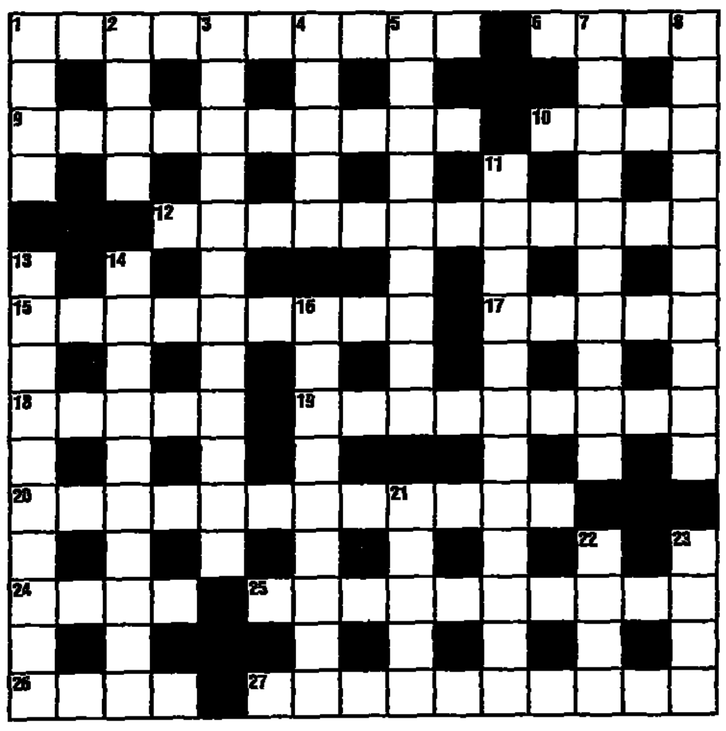

ACROSS

1 Casual sort of music (10).
6 Spots an 'orse, we hear (4).
9 She may be in line for a stage career (6,4).
10 Girl Bond's superior heard on the radio (4).
12 Abuse of doctor's role (3-9).
15 A minute piece accomplished, open to improvement (9).
17 Loopy arrangement of mine holding firm (5).
18 A crop processed as source of oil (5).
19 Not under control and showing no consideration (3,2,4).
20 Keeping going and cutting on through (12).
24 Not up to a teaching qualification (4).
25 Tourist puts out tray for bird to eat (3-7).
26 With leader absent, cut up and maybe finished cake (4).
27 Selfish concierge contrived to retain tenant in the end (10).

DOWN

1 Desire to get quietly off the playing area (4).
2 Fill up shoe (4).
3 Cheat unlikely to sell a single thing? (6-6).
4 Dark piece of bedclothes that's gone missing (5).
5 Harmony of people in a lament (9).
7 Sort of traveller often seen on channel (10).
8 Covered in sweat, perform something, showing precision (10).
11 Puts up with oriental party, producing amazement (12).
13 A cargo ship transported caskets (10).
14 Fully absorbed, having to fix domestic appliance (4-6).
16 Show disapproval of new German missile (9).
21 Old clown opposed to opening of circus (5).
22 Is it made of boxwood? (4).
23 A fine boy (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,231

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LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: P A Miles, Virginia Water, Surrey; M E Le Roux, St Peter Port, Guernsey; H M Higgins, Thornton-le-Moors, Cheshire; N Olliveck, Winchester; M Trimm, Ashcott Bridgwater, Somerset.

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

TODAY

Sun rises	Sun sets
5.28 am	8.45 pm
Moon sets	**Moon rises**
10.47 am	10.35 pm

Last quarter August 6

London 8.45 pm to 5.29 am
Bristol 8.54 pm to 5.39 am
Edinburgh 9.16 pm to 5.23 am
Manchester 9.01 pm to 5.30 am
Penzance 9.02 pm to 5.56 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
5.29 am	8.43 pm
Moon sets	**Moon rises**
12.01 pm	11.03 pm

Last quarter August 6

London 8.43 pm to 5.31 am
Bristol 8.53 pm to 5.41 am
Edinburgh 9.13 pm to 5.25 am
Manchester 8.59 pm to 5.32 am
Penzance 9.00 pm to 5.57 am

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.23	7.6	4.36	7.4
Aberdeen	3.38	4.5	4.20	4.2
Avonmouth	9.53	13.9	10.12	13.8
Belfast	1.27	3.8	1.59	3.5
Cardiff	9.39	12.5	9.59	12.4
Devonport	8.36	5.4	8.51	5.6
Dover	1.22	6.8	1.42	7.0
Dublin (N Wall)	1.40	4.4	2.22	4.9
Falmouth	7.51	5.0	8.13	5.3
Greenock	2.54	3.8	3.26	3.4
Harwich	2.12	4.3	2.38	4.2
Holyhead	0.32	6.0	1.03	5.5
Hull (Albert D)	8.39	8.2	9.15	7.6
Ilfracombe	8.40	9.6	9.01	9.7
King's Lynn	8.36	7.4	9.02	6.8
Leith	5.05	5.9	5.38	5.7
Liverpool	1.34	10.0	2.02	9.6
Lowestoft	11.57	2.8	-	-
Margate	2.35	5.0	2.42	5.0
Milford Haven	8.49	7.0	9.11	7.1
Newquay	7.35	6.9	7.56	7.0
Oban	8.07	3.7	8.35	3.9
Penzance	7.11	5.6	7.33	5.8
Portland	9.32	2.1	9.49	2.2
Portsmouth	1.42	4.9	2.14	4.9
Shoreham	1.39	6.5	2.07	6.6
Southampton	1.03	4.8	1.33	4.7
Swansea	8.59	9.7	9.19	9.8
Tees	6.08	5.7	6.45	5.4
Walton-on-Naze	2.07	4.5	2.24	4.4

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Poole, Dorset, 24C (75F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, 0.44in; highest sunshine: Clacton, Essex, 11.3hr

FORECAST

☐ **General**: England and Wales will be dry with sunny spells developing through the day. The best of the sunshine seems likely in the afternoon. It will be warmer in most places.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will also have some sunshine at times, with the best of the sunshine in eastern parts of Northern Ireland and southeast Scotland. Most places will be dry. The north and west of Scotland will have outbreaks of rain. Temperatures will be near normal.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Central N**: dry with sunny spells developing. Wind north to northwest, light to moderate. Warmer. Max 24C (75F)

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales**: dry with sunny spells. Wind variable, mainly north to northwest. Warmer. Max 22C (72F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England, N Ireland**: dry with sunny spells developing. Wind west to southwest, moderate. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth**: sunny spells developing. Wind west to southwest, moderate. Feeling warmer. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll**: mainly dry but rather cloudy. Some sunny spells. Wind west to southwest, moderate. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland**: mainly cloudy with rain at times. Drier later. Wind west to southwest, fresh becoming strong. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Outlook**: dry on Sunday; unsettled on Monday with showery rain

☐ *The pollen forecast is discontinued*

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 6 pm. b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	x					Littlehmptn	6.8	-	20	68	s
Anglesey	7.4	0.01	19	66	b	London	5.2	-	22	72	b
Aspatria	1.5	0.03	15	59	r	Lowestoft	2.7	-	22	72	s
Aviemore	9.5	0.05	17	63	sh	Manchester	3.6	0.01	18	64	sh
Belfast	1.7	0.14	16	61	sh	Margate	4.2	-	21	70	b
Birmingham	6.5	0.01	21	70	sh	Minehead	5.9	0.01	20	68	b
Bognor R	6.5	0.01	20	68	s	Morecambe	6.1	-	17	63	s
Bournem'th	7.0	0.01	21	70	s	Newcastle	3.5	0.02	17	63	sh
Bristol	5.9	0.02	19	66	sh	Newquay	5.7	0.01	19	66	s
Buxton	3.7	0.07	15	59	r	Norwich	3.9	0.01	21	70	b
Cardiff	6.8	0.05	20	68	sh	Oxford	7.2	0.01	21	70	sh
Clacton	11.3	-	21	70	s	Penzance	x	0.02	21	70	sh
Colwyn Bay	x					Poole	6.4	-	24	75	s
Cromer	2.2	-	21	70	c	Prestatyn	x	0.03	19	66	b
Dunbar	6.2	-	20	68	s	Ross-o-wye	5.6	0.01	21	70	sh
Edinburgh	x					Ryde	7.6	0.01	21	70	s
Eskdalemuir	1.2	0.31	15	59	r	Salcombe	8.3	-	21	70	s
Exmouth	4.6	0.01	22	72	b	Sandown	7.0	0.01	21	70	s
Falmouth	6.2	0.01	18	64	s	Saunton Snd	4.9	0.01	19	66	s
Fishguard	x					Scarboro'	3.8	0.01	18	64	b
Folkestone	4.6	-	20	68	c	Shanklin	8.1	0.01	x	x	s
Glasgow	6.8	0.06	19	66	sh	Shrewsbury	7.0	0.01	21	70	b
Guernsey	x					Skegness	4.6	0.06	21	70	r
Hastings	5.7	-	20	68	s	Southend	x	-	23	73	sh
Hayling I.	7.0	-	22	72	s	Southport	4.2	0.01	18	64	b
Herne Bay	4.6	-	22	72	c	Southsea	6.3	-	21	70	s
Hove	5.6	-	19	66	s	Stornoway	8.5	0.17	16	61	sh
Hunstanton	x	-	21	70	b	Swanage	8.2	-	20	68	s
Isle of Man	6.4	0.01	18	64	b	Teignmouth	5.8	-	22	72	s
Jersey	5.1	-	22	72	s	Tiree	9.4	0.26	15	59	r
Kinloss	4.8	0.01	18	64	sh	Torquay	5.5	-	22	72	b
Leeds	1.0	0.01	17	63	c	Ventnor	7.2	-	19	66	s
Lerwick	9.2	0.17	14	57	sh	West-s-mare	4.5	-	21	70	b
Leuchars	7.4	0.01	21	70	sh	Weymouth	7.1	0.01	19	66	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	28	82	s	Corfu	30	86	f	Majorca	28	82	s	Rome	29	84 s
Akrotiri	31	88	s	C'phagn	19	66	f	Malaga	26	79	s	S Fr'isco	15	59 f
Alex'dria	34	93	s	Dublin	17	63	f	Malta	29	84	s	S Paulo	21	70 s
Algiers	31	88	s	Dubrovnik	28	82	s	Melb'rne	15	59	c	Salzburg	29	84 s
Amst'dm	18	64	c	Faro	24	75	s	Mexico C	21	70	f	Santiago	13	55 f
Athens	32	90	f	Florence	31	88	s	Miami	32	90	s	Seoul	35	95 s
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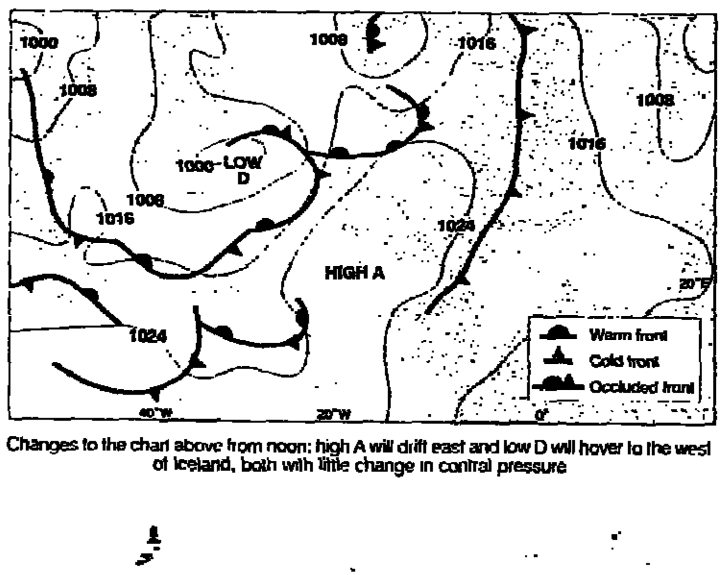

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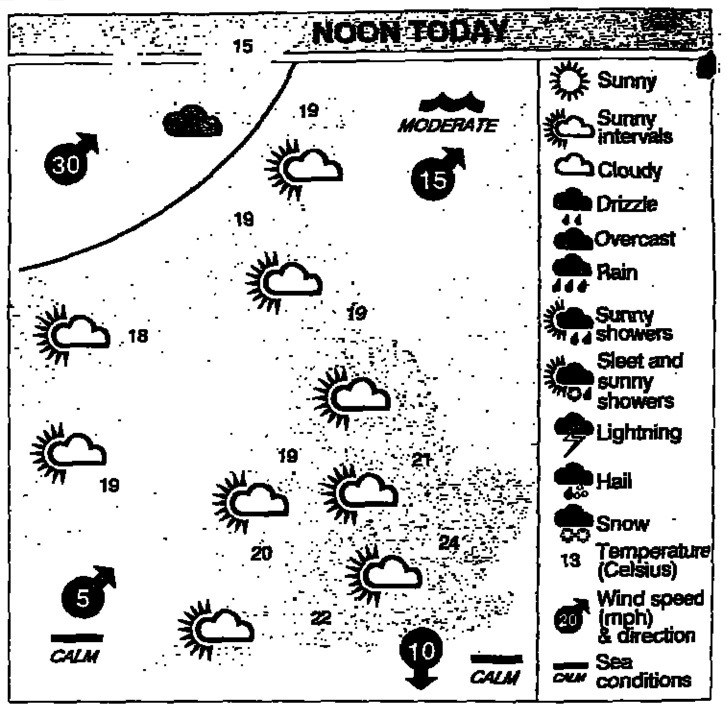

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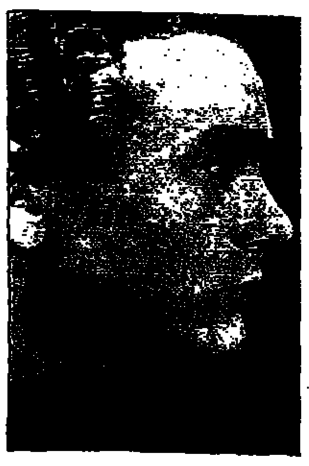

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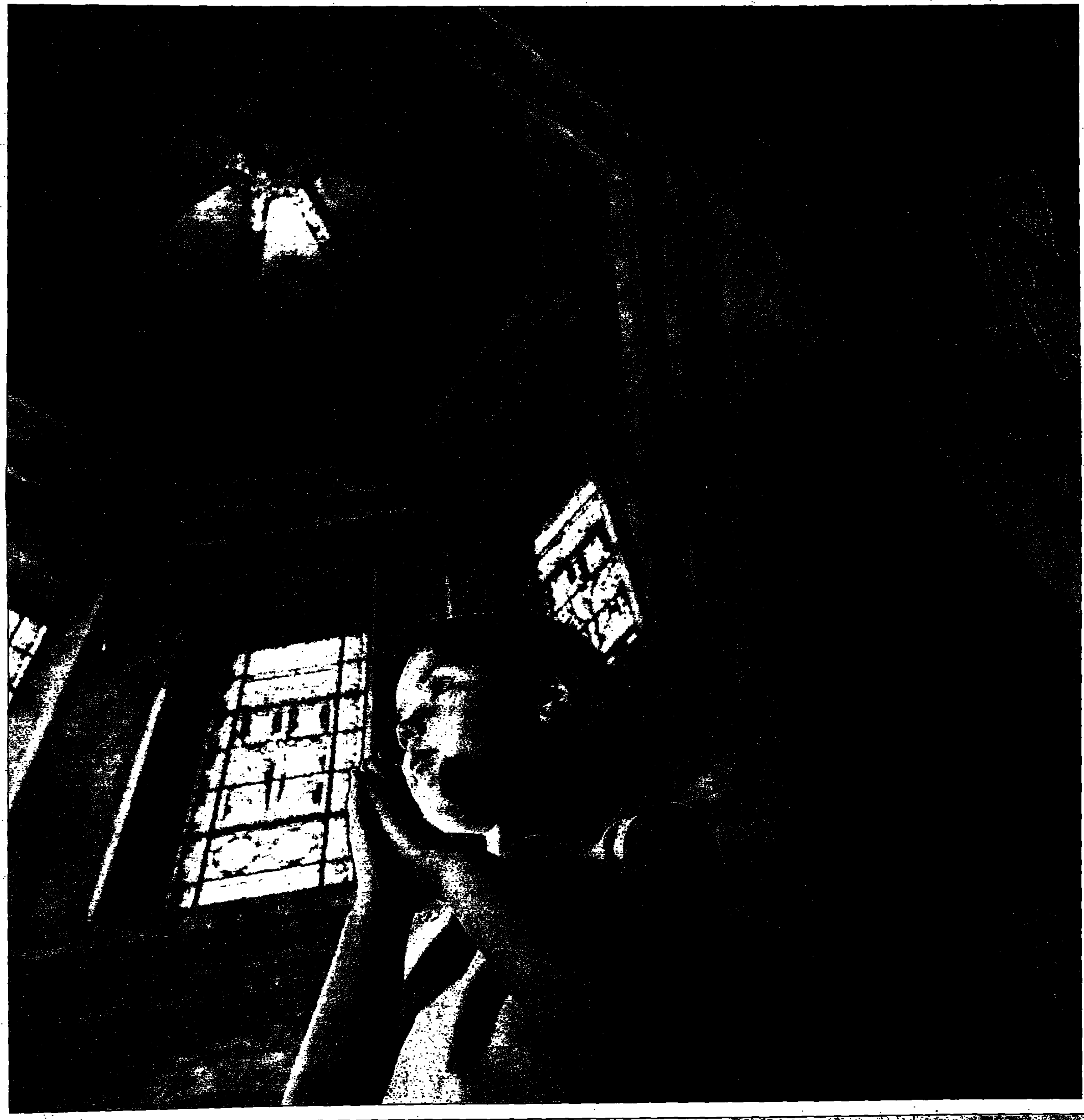

Prayer is enjoying a boom. **Ruth Gledhill** reports on modern ways of seeking guidance in a secular age

Sir Ludovic Kennedy, an atheist so devoutly not a theist that his lack of belief is almost a matter of faith, is adamant that he never prays. Unbelieving, I challenged him: "What, not even when you can't find a parking space on a hot day?" "Good heavens... Good Lord, no," he replied.

At least I could be sure when interviewing Sir Ludovic on the subject of prayer that he would not ask me to pray with him over the telephone before we began. In six years as *The Times* religion correspondent, this has happened to me a handful of times, invariably when speaking to an evangelical Christian. These prayers go something like this, expanded over a minute or two: "Good Lord, we ask for your divine guidance and blessing on this interview. We pray that you will guide and bless Ruth as she writes her article, and help her to express your truth according to your divine will."

To my faint embarrassment, I usually go along with it to get the interview. My own prayer life might be fairly intense, but it is private; not something I like to do on the phone.

It is not surprising that I, a clergyman's daughter, pray regularly — even if it is just a silent plea for the rain to stop. But could it be true, in an increasingly secular society, that more people resort to prayer than is widely believed?

Church membership across the main denominations continues to "decline" (as in the Methodist Church) or "bottom out" (as in the Church of England). But while organised religion might be suffering, there are indications of a resurgence in spirituality in what many believe to be a rebellion against the materialism of the 1980s.

Retreat houses, such as the one at Aylesford Priory in Kent, where people go for prayer and meditation, are booming, with bookings at record level. The National Retreat Association, which has information on more than 200 Christian retreat houses and their programmes, last year sold 12,000 copies of its journal, *Vision*, listing these details.

Gillian Paterson, the religion publisher of Cassell, says: "Spirituality is where it's at, in terms of religious publishing. Books on prayer and meditation are the thing at the moment, particularly in America and here. It is where the market is." As a result, Cassell, in co-operation with *The Times*, is inviting readers to submit prayers, for publication in *The Times Book of Prayers*.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, who came from a non-churchgoing background, believes that most people know instinctively what it is to pray: "A lot of people pray in their own way and do not need church buildings or religious artefacts to do it. But all these help."

Dr Carey rises early every day to pray, but it was a particular relief to hear the head of the

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PAUL SALMON

Father Wilfrid McGreal, the prior at Aylesford, Kent, says: "To pray, it is important to go somewhere still, peaceful and comfortable. It is not necessary to kneel: just take the most comfortable body posture"

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Church of England confess to regular use of a form of prayer that had always seemed, well, not quite kosher. He says: "That is when you are walking along a street or you are in between things and you could sort of send up an arrow prayer, you know . . . I have this particularly difficult engagement, strength, grace is required. Help."

Theologians generally agree that humans were praying as soon as they became aware they were human, whether in the form of petition, confession, intercession for others, praise, thanks or adoration. Prayer is usually inseparable from religion, and religion has been integral to all societies, primitive and advanced. But whereas the more primitive society might concentrate on petitions and superstitious invocations, the advanced tend towards more mystical expressions. As Dr Carey says: "Prayer for me is not actually asking; it is not a kind of shopping list or anything like that. It is essentially praise and thanksgiving."

For the actress Moira Lister, who is appearing in *The Aspern Papers* at Wyndham's Theatre, London, and getting her best reviews in a career of more than 40 years, prayer has been integral to her life — never more so than recently. "I could not live without my religion, it has done everything for me," she says.

It is easy to dismiss the story she then told me as no more than a series of coincidences, though others say coincidences are "miracles in which God chooses to stay anonymous".

"I had had seven years of really tough luck," she says. "My husband, Jacques, had a stroke which left him paralysed for four years. After he died, my best friend, Lady Kilmarnock, flew out to Cape Town to comfort me, and I arranged for two friends to take my car to Durban to meet her. Five hours into their journey they had an accident in which the husband was killed and his wife seriously injured. Then, four days later, Lady Kilmarnock died in my arms at my house from a massive haemorrhage. Probably as a result of those tragedies, I developed ovarian cancer, which nearly carried me off."

After these almost unimaginable tragedies, she went to Medjugorje, a centre of pilgrimage in the former Yugoslavia where child visionaries were said to have received prophecies from the Virgin Mary 15 years ago. "While there," she says, "I was kneeling in the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration one afternoon when this amazing sort of electric current went through me. And it is astounding that since then everything seems to have gone right for me."

Canon Dick Williams, the author of *God Thoughts* (see box, below right) believes that prayer can be of great benefit in easing fear, particularly for children. "I speak as someone whose mother died when I was six. I vividly remember the experience. I was helped a great deal by the prayerfulness of the adults around me. If for them God and Heaven were real, that gave me a framework in which I could handle my mother's disappearance and the aftermath.

"Children can handle grief and pain if they see their parents grieving. What they can't handle so well is seeing grown-ups who are afraid. Prayer has a great deal to do with handling our fears.

"The most important thing is example. To be with people who are praying is a comforting thing for a child. What they need most is to have brave and loving people around them. Anything that helps people to be like this helps the children, too."

Canon Williams, who takes many school assemblies, believes that there are other ways in which children can benefit from prayer. His church in Liverpool has 127 broken window panes in it, so he speaks with feeling when he says that prayer can teach children to say "thank you, sorry and please".

Seeking help in prayer: Dr George Carey, Moira Lister and Cardinal Basil Hume

A surprising number of people have told me extraordinary stories of spiritual experiences, of answered prayers, of seemingly hopeless situations turned to good use. But many, including myself, are reluctant to talk generally about such things, fearful of scepticism, mockery, rejection.

Millions of people worldwide do believe in the efficacy of prayer. Sometimes they go to extremes to demonstrate this. In May, ten million people in 180 countries, including thousands in London, took part in the bi-annual "March for Jesus". In its early days, in the late 1980s, marchers would speak of exorcising the demons of materialism, of "spiritually cleansing" the places they walked through with their prayers. Such talk is not now so overt, although the organiser, Brian Clews, says: "If people pray for something to happen in an area and it happens, I suppose that is the sort of label some people might put on it."

Next year, with no march planned, Mr Clews is coordinating "Operation A to Z", during which an attempt will be made to pray for every home in the country before the millennium. Nearly 3,000 churches have promised to take part. Like it or not, reader, your home is about to be prayed for.

This opens up another debate. Should we ask somebody's permission before we pray for them? Is such activity a kind of invasion of their spiritual privacy?

For years, in churches and synagogues throughout the land, millions of people have prayed for the Prince and Princess of Wales. Have their prayers now been answered, or ignored?

In my prayers, I pray for my family and then for people I dislike or who I consider to have badly offended or hurt me. I pray for them to have health, happiness, wealth and everything else that I secretly want for myself. Why? Because it's the only way I have discovered to make the resentment disappear. If they don't like it, tough.

John Gummer, the Environment Secretary and a convert to Roman Catholicism, says: "We do not pray enough, and we are all deficient in our prayer lives."

Some people hold to a form of deism, believing that simply taking a walk through beautiful countryside is appreciating God's creation and, therefore, as good as going to church. Mr Gummer sticks to the idea that worship in church is essential. He does, however, speak also of "arrow prayers", those spontaneous pleas for help or utterances of grateful thanks.

His role model is the Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume. "You get that constant feeling when he is making a speech or talking that you are holding him back from what he has is actually doing, which is praying."

In sport, Tom Lehman's prayers have been answered

For the beginner, it can be difficult to know even how to start praying. Father Wilfrid McGreal, the prior at Aylesford, says: "If you dare open yourself to God, then God allows into your life a loving knowledge that touches the core of your being.

"One of my experiences was about a fortnight after my mother's death. I was walking along the Thames at Henley and saw a stag swimming across. It came out of the water and stood shaking itself; power and beauty in its winter white. I felt I had been given a symbol of life and strength at a time when I was grieving."

To pray, he says, "it is important to go somewhere still, peaceful and comfortable. It is not necessary to kneel, just take the most comfortable body posture."

He also advises that, when coping with frustrations of modern life, "it is sometimes better to be angry with God than with people". His is a "catholic" spirituality, focused on prayer and meditation, stillness and quiet. At the other end of the spectrum, the easily mocked evangelical end, prayer is openly endorsed as a path to material as well as spiritual advancement.

There are many sports stars who believe prayer is integral to their success, among them Tom Lehman, the American golfer who won last month's Open Championship and thanked God in his victory speech. The athlete Kriss Akabusi is unashamed of his wealth, large car and high media profile, and openly credits God for this success. Prayer helped his decision to retire from athletics after taking the bronze medal in the 400m hurdles in the 1992 Olympics, and prayer has underpinned every decision he has made since then.

"I never prayed to win in athletics — God would have a real problem if there were eight of us in a race, all asking to win," he says. "I prayed that I could put it together to glorify God, whether I won or lost."

For Akabusi, regular prayer, kneeling down with his two children, is fundamental. "I do believe that the family that prays together stays together. When we pray together, the real issues come out."

He has confronted tragedy with faith. In 1985, he and his wife, Monika, lost twins, stillborn. "Good came out of that disaster, pain and suffering, because I believe I came closer to God," he says.

Evangelical prayer is open, sometimes noisy, unashamedly joyful, and often done *en masse*. My own prayer life is closer to that described by the actress Gemma Craven. A practising Catholic, she confesses to praying devoutly, "usually when needs must".

She says: "When I want something, or desperately want something to go well, I seem to pray a lot. Then there is the other side, where I am thankful for the life I have.

"Wherever we are, I am not averse to popping into the Catholic church and lighting a candle." And she describes the new, electric candles that light up with an artificial flame when a coin is dropped in a box. "I discovered those in Blackpool. It would be Blackpool," she says.

For her, prayer and religion are private and personal. "I am not one of the hallelujah brigade; just give me a proper candle and I'm fine," she says.

Here, I differ. Give me Blackpool and its electric candles any day. Maybe it's because I'm an Anglican but, pray as hard as I might, I can never get the real ones to light.

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THE TIMES

READERS are invited to contribute to *The Times Book of Prayers*, to be edited by Ruth Gledhill and published by Cassell. Prayers must be submitted before the end of October. Form, length and content are up to the author, though anything likely to take up more than a page of the subsequent book will not be selected. Prayers must be the work of the person submitting them and, for reasons of copyright, must not have been published previously. Readers may submit more than one prayer, and will be notified before the end of the year if the prayer has been selected. Please enclose your name, address, phone number and occupation with your prayer, and send it to: Ruth Gledhill, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN.

PRAYER THROUGH THE AGES

THE ANCIENT Greeks prayed because they feared their powerful and capricious Gods, who needed constant appeasement. The Israelites sang hymns of praise, some of the most beautiful being the Psalms, as well as offering prayers of petition, laments, repentance and intercession.

St Paul, in his letters, emphasised the importance of constant prayer and thanksgiving in every situation. At the start of the third century, the African church father Tertullian wrote a famous treatise on prayer. Origen followed with another, the widely read *On Prayer*, in AD 234, shortly before his martyrdom. But the most influential period for the development of prayer was the patristic era when great saints, such as Benedict, drew up their monastic rules. These involved reciting the "divine office", or saying certain prayers, at specific times of the day, as well as outlining the need for private prayer, spiritual reading and work.

Let the chemistry happen

Techniques for making the most of your private prayer

In the late 1960s, the era in which God was supposed to have died, Canon Dick Williams published a small book which began: "I am going to try to pray. I've got a sneaky feeling that this may be the silliest thing I've ever done. Because I don't know whether there is a God or not. If there is not, I'm about to start talking to myself. On the other hand, if there is a God . . . well, if there is a God, it would be the silliest thing imaginable not to pray."

The book, *God Thoughts*, was reprinted many times and sold more than 60,000 copies, and Canon Williams, the rector of St Mary's, Wavertree, Liverpool, is still approached by spiritual seekers who ask him: "How do I pray?"

He describes prayer as a "growth industry" — books on praying and prayer collections are selling as never before.

To pray, Canon Williams advocates using the "Ignatian method", the practice most popular at retreat houses and which usually involves having a nun or monk to guide the retreatant. "You take a passage of scripture and imagine yourself in the situation described." On a recent retreat, where he had a Roman Catholic nun looking after him, he was trying to come to terms with serious difficulties ahead of him. He says: "She told me to put myself on a fishing boat and to walk on water. This was getting me to take myself out of the safety of one situation and try something I had not done before. It works if you try it."

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Body posture in prayer is helpful in so far as it can express the mood of the prayer, such as kneeling to indicate submission to God's will, or standing with arms raised to show thanksgiving. "If someone is prostrate with grief, the body will follow the spirit," Canon Williams says.

"WHEN someone asks me how to pray, I can either tell them to kneel down and say the Lord's Prayer, or I can ask them to find out where they are and go from there. This means working out what is your chief hope, fear, regret and ambition. Those are what you will be praying about.

"The truth we need to know has to be revealed, rather than manufactured or created by us. Prayer is an attempt to let the chemistry happen, to mirror and receive the revelation."

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Not all the fruits of the oceans have fins, gills or shells — some have wings and eggs. But nothing can beat catching your own supper

If you must eat like a gannet

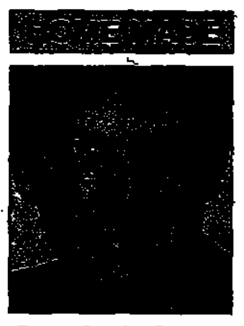
I have been on the high seas, playing at navigators and explorers, and with the tang of the briny still filling my head, I issue this warning: seafood restaurants beware. I am about to call your bluff.

I cannot begin to count the number of restaurants I have come across which boast "Seafood our speciality". I am sure these notices are honestly meant, and that everything from halibut to haddock via cod and cockles could be mine for the asking. But I would remind them that fish is only half the story.

One of these days, when I am brave enough, I shall take a seat at one of their tables, fling aside the offered menu, look the waiter coldly in the eye, and ask for a puffin pilaf, maybe a guillemot goulash, or is the seagull soufflé to be recommended?

There is no doubt that on the wild Atlantic shores of Ireland, where I have been sailing, seabirds and their eggs were once considered as much a fruit of the ocean as anything with fins and gills. The now-departed islanders on the bleak Blaskets, for example, did not have much else that was reliable, except perhaps potatoes which were to prove a fickle friend. So they hunted the seabirds as much as the rabbits and the fish. Curiously, they seemed to get by without food-writers in those days and so, despite a wealth of literature written in their native language about their lives and faiths, they never got round to the recipes. It must remain a mystery as to how you cook a puffin.

Which is probably a good job for, apart from the illegality of nobbling wild birds and their eggs, hitting dear little puffins over the head smacks too much of infanticide (although I did once meet a man who claimed he had eaten a puffin and said it was "fishy", but there are worse things to say about seafood). As far as the noble gannet is concerned, this missile of a bird in its precise, fish-hunting trajectory is such a streamlined vision that to crudely interrupt its flight and then feed on it would be unthinkable, like tripping Desert Orchid and turning him into sausages.



Paul Heiney

Herring-gulls are a different matter. I once met a lighthouse keeper who loathed their greedy ways, having spent hours with a cloth removing their casual emissions from his polished lenses, and dismissed them as "two lousy holes with an acid bath in between". I would have no conscience about sitting down to a seagull stew, if anyone could give me the recipe. Curiously, I can offer you one for albatross encountered in Richard Hough's biography of Captain Cook. The dish was recorded by Joseph Banks, Cook's accompanying botanist: "Skin [the albatrosses] overnight and soak their carcasses in salt water till morn, then parboil them and throw away the water, then stew them well with very little water and when sufficiently tender serve them up with a savoury sauce."

It is recorded that shortly after eating this dish, Banks suffered a "severe bilious attack which laid him low for four days".

Soon, on our sail along the Irish coast, our thoughts turned from the skies back down to the more accessible ocean, and we decided to catch a fish. To be honest, we decided to hang out a fishing line and secretly hope that we did *not* catch a fish for the simple reason that none of us had ever caught a fish before and would not know what to do with it, how to kill it, how to gut it, or how to be certain that we had not hooked some rare or rabid species one mouthful of which would drive us all completely mad. Catching a fish is a nice idea but, on balance, a tin of tuna is safer.

So imagine the mixed emotions when a shout from the deck interrupted an unchallenging toast and jam breakfast to announce a serious vibration of the fishing line. As the hooks came to the surface, one plump, shiny fish emerged, furious at being dragged from its natural element and dropped into ours. It was a tiger-striped mackerel; even I can recognise one of those.

I have never killed a fish before but once a blow over the head with a winch handle has been accomplished, it is amazing how quickly conscience gives way to hunger. The order went to the galley to turn up the gas, unearth the frying pan and get the butter hot and frothing. With the bread knife, I instinctively swiped off the head and the tail, made a neat slit up the belly as if I had been doing it all my life and, with one finger, removed the once vital organs. Then, having slit it in half, I whipped the edge of the knife under the backbone and removed it: two neat mackerel fillets were the result.

I dropped them into the pan of sizzling butter, where they curled in a way that shop-bought fish never does. Three minutes a side seemed more than enough: a dash of black pepper, and then the first forkful hit the palate.

I have never dined better than this. It was surprisingly un-fishy, but meaty, dense, yet melting with a depth of flavour that can only be attributed to the freshness. I do believe I closed my eyes at the bliss of it.

The moment was only broken by a child, old enough to know better, who asked: "Won't its mummy be wondering where he's got to?" Did Captain Cook have to put up with this?

Peach of an idea

DIGEST

Fiona Beckett

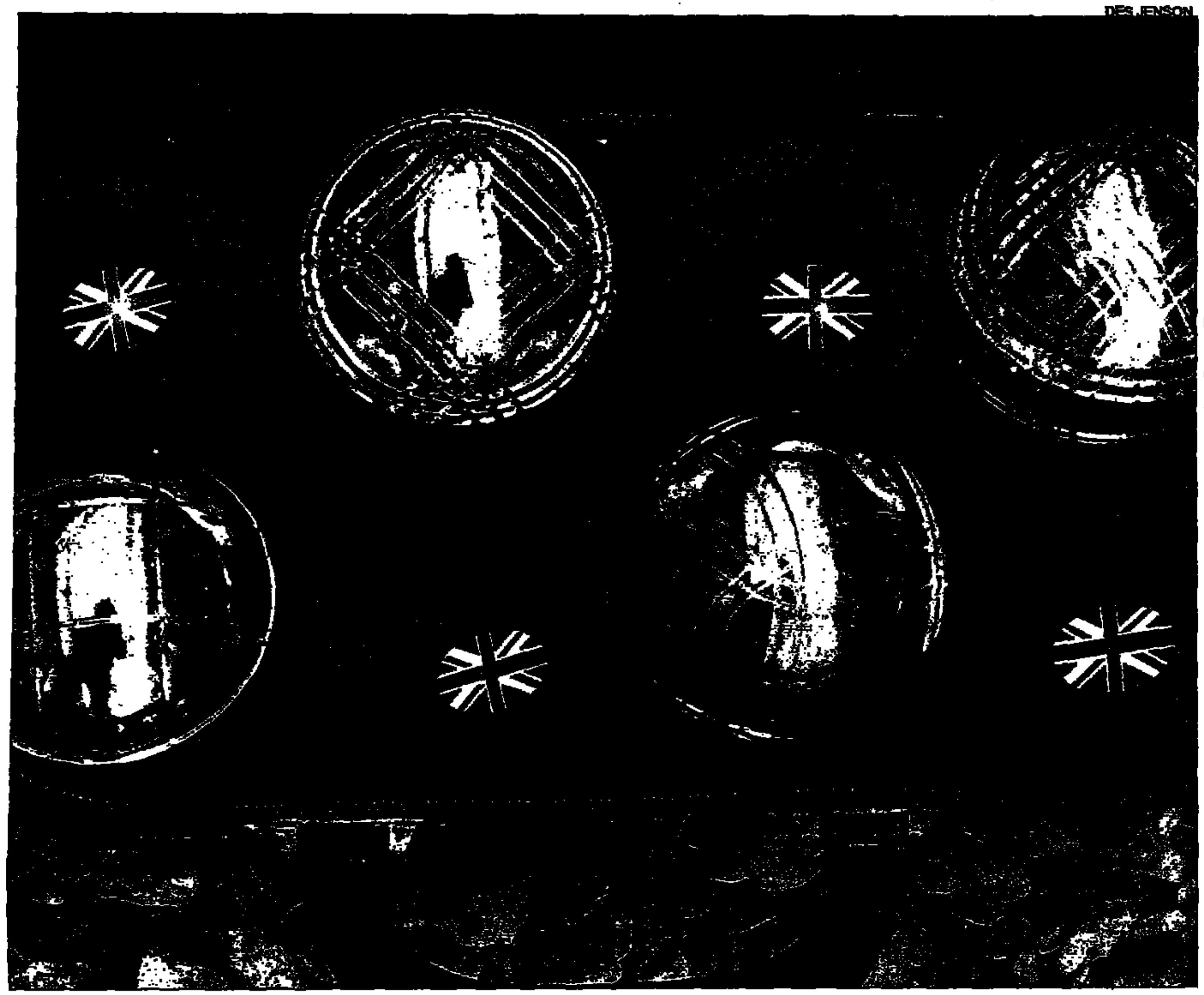
THERE ARE FEW more sensual pleasures than eating a perfectly ripe peach. That warm enticing smell, the way the juice runs down your chin as you bite into it . . . I could go on, but this is a *family* newspaper.

Unfortunately, this distracting experience doesn't occur very often in Britain. Buy a punnet of peaches from your local supermarket and they're as rock hard as a set of boules. Try to ripen them and, overnight, they suddenly become geriatric — the flesh goes woolly, the skin goes wrinkly — and you might as well eat a prune.

The problem is what supermarkets call the "cool chain". In order to survive the journey from the prime peach-growing areas of southern Europe, they have to be picked unripe, chilled to within an inch of their life, and then held at that temperature for the four or five days it takes them to reach the customer — assuming they're sold immediately. If, for any reason, there's a glut, the supermarkets get their suppliers to hold them in cold storage. The fuzzy peach syndrome, my friendly greengrocer tells me, affects peaches that are more than a week old — particularly Italian fruit, which tends to be picked less ripe than the French variety.

To give them credit, supermarkets are trying to improve the situation. Marks & Spencer has cut the time between picking and the arrival of its peaches on the shelf to just two days, while Sainsbury's is now offering three grades — select (which are particularly juicy), ripe and ready, and — well, they probably wouldn't want me to put it quite this way — unripe and unready.

Basically with peaches — as with any other produce — you get what you pay for, but the good news is that there are plenty of special offers on the riper French peaches, which are now in at their peak.



DES JENSON

Hard decision: why are so many supermarket peaches in Britain as hard as boules, unlike the riper French varieties?

Ciao chow

THE LATEST battleground in the war between the leading supermarket chains has moved on from cut-price baked beans to swanky Italian food. In the blue corner is Sainsbury's (which is advised on matters Italian by the cookery writer Anna del Conte) with a 12-year-old balsamic vinegar (to you, *signora*, just £14.95), Agrumato *extra-virgin olive oil* pressed with lemons and Cipriani pasta. In the red corner, Tesco (which has the television cook Valentina Harris on board) with charcoal-roasted artichokes, Conforti squid ink spaghetti and truffle butter with parmesan.

This week saw a strong right hook from Tesco, which not only had the engaging Valentina on show to reveal the secrets of her risotto, but flew in the Italian producers of such artisanal specialities as the ungallantly named *lingua di suocera* (mother-in-law's tongue), which are like long, flat, handmade grissini, and *Venezia farcita*, an unbelievably scrummy cake filled with zabaglione cream. I suspect you'll be seeing a lot of both at smart dinner parties this autumn.

The Flavours of Italy range is in 120 Tesco stores. To check your nearest stockist, ring 0800 505555.

Slice of life

THOSE OF YOU who work in offices may have noticed that sandwiches seem to be getting bigger and bigger in response, I suspect, to some canny psychology among sandwich bars. Basically, people want more than one sandwich but feel greedy and extravagant about buying two. Give them just one outsize sandwich and they feel satisfied but virtuous. This syndrome afflicts building site workers as well, according to a spectacularly silly press release which accompanies the launch of a new range of monster sandwiches from Asda. Entitled "Kiss Goodbye to the Builder's Bum with Asda's Mega Munch", it reveals that builders no longer want to be caricatured as sexist slobs and are abandoning fry-ups in favour of healthy sandwiches.

When an interview panel was asked to describe the Mega Munch they opined that it was just like Elle MacPherson — "beautifully proportioned, tasty and big enough to satisfy any appetite".

Innuendo aside, the Mega Munch range, which sells for between £2.29 and £2.49, is extraordinarily good value. I will pass on the tip to hungry and impoverished student offspring for next term.

Thai in knots

IF YOU THOUGHT that chicken tikka pizza was as far as you could go in pointlessly mingling one culinary tradition with another, you underestimated British bad taste. Some marketing genius at Parkam Foods, a firm that supplies to the catering industry, has come up with the Thai Chicken Kiev — "a bread-coated chicken portion stuffed with mango and Thai curry paste with a tomato and herb sauce". Mmm.

More food and drink in the Magazine

CHOCOLATE BOX

DR ANDREW NORDIN is surely the only gynaecologist who has made a study of newborn babies and boxes of chocolates. His hypothesis is simple — and far-fetched. He believes the size of the boxes of chocolates given by parents of newborns to delivery staff is on a sliding scale to a baby's weight. The maxim is: the bigger the baby, the bigger the box.

"You're never short of chocolate on the labour wards," Dr Nordin says. "Women are very good at giving boxes, so we wanted to investigate this midwife folklore." Dr Nordin tested the idea on postnatal wards at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton. Midwives noted box weight against baby weight during a six-month trial.

Thirty-nine candy boxes were presented from 1,491 deliveries. The boxes ranged from 200g to 1,200g. Data analysis (published in the American journal *Obstetrics & Gynecology*) supported the baby-box link. "The giant box was given for a large 9lb baby," Dr Nordin says.

SOFT-CREAM assortments were popular gifts. They were given in a ratio of 4:1 compared with hard-centred assortments. Parents of mid-range babies were most likely to give assortments weighing 454g — say, a standard Cadbury's Roses or Quality Street. Small babies more often elicited a 225g carton of Roses.

Dr Nordin says smokers from low socio-economic groups have small babies and are poor chocolate givers. Parents of premature babies gave frequently but passed them to intensive care staff outside the study.

He speculates that large parents tend to produce large babies. "They eat vast quantities of confectionery and hence are used to giving chocolates," he says. They are usually rich and have more to spend on luxuries.

"Diabetic women also have big babies," Dr Nordin says. "They can't think beyond a massive box to celebrate their return to their ultimate pleasure."

Dr Nordin warns pregnant women away from boxes of chocolate. "They're empty calories and not ideal nutrition." And his favoured gift? A bottle of Scotch.

ALEX WIJERATNE

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Refreshing the active body

FAST FOOD

SUMMER HEALTH KICK
Serves two

Red gazpacho
Chicken, orange and watercress salad
Quick raspberry sorbet

In the summer, healthy food can be preferable to comfort stodge — juicy fruit and quickly-made salads rather than fatty puds and slow-cooked meat dishes. This supper for two, full of refreshing flavours, can be made before going off for a swim or playing tennis and then eaten when you get home.

■ **Start sorbet**
Put 250g (9oz) frozen raspberries in a food processor bowl with 3tbs caster sugar. Whizz for ten seconds. Leave for five to ten minutes to defrost.

■ **Cook chicken**
Cover two skinned chicken breasts with water. Bring slowly to the boil. Turn the heat down and simmer for ten minutes. Check that the meat is cooked through.

■ **Prepare salad**
In a serving bowl, mix together the juice of ½ orange, ½tbs soy sauce and 1tsp oil. When the chicken is cooked, cut it into bite-size pieces and mix with the dressing so the warm meat soaks up the flavours. Peel and slice one orange. Lightly brown 4tbs pine nuts in a dry pan.

■ **Finish sorbet**
Whizz the raspberries to get a smooth paste. If the mixture is still grainy, let the fruit defrost a little more. Taste the puree for sweetness.

Put it in two ramekins and put in the freezer. Remember to wash up the food processor bowl.

■ **Make and serve gazpacho**
De-seed half a red pepper. Skin and roughly chop half a red onion. Cut two juicy tomatoes in half. Peel half a garlic clove.

Put the vegetables in the food processor bowl with half a red chilli (leave the seeds in if you like a really hot chilli taste), 150ml (¼ pint) tomato juice and 1tsp red wine vinegar. Whizz up to get a smooth textured soup.

Refrigerate and serve with a little garnish whenever you want to eat.

Shopping list

Fruit and vegetables
250g (9oz) frozen raspberries
1½ oranges
½ red pepper
½ red onion
2 tomatoes
½ garlic clove
½ red chilli
50g (2oz) watercress

Meat
2 chicken breasts, skinned

Store cupboard
3tbs caster sugar
½tbs soy sauce
4tbs pine nuts
1tsp oil
1tsp red wine vinegar

Bread
1 small loaf ciabatta

Drink
150ml (¼ pint) tomato juice
1 bottle fizzy mineral water
1 bottle white wine to drink on its own or mixed with fizzy water

■ **Finish and serve salad**
Toss the chicken and dressing with 50g (2oz) watercress, the orange slices and pine nuts. Serve with large slices of ciabatta bread.

If the sorbet has frozen hard, take it out of the freezer to soften while you eat the salad.

■ **Serve sorbet**
Enjoy the refreshing raspberry taste.

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Gardens to visit: many summer annuals, set against flowering shrubs, are now at their best

STEVE LYMAN/ARCAID

The great parterre garden at Drummond Castle spreads out like a richly decorated tapestry, with paths, box-edged beds, clipped yew, purple acer and white marble statues

Roll up for the colour show

Broughton Castle, Broughton, near Banbury, Oxfordshire (01295 262624).

Two and a half miles west of Banbury on the B4035. Open May 19-Sept 11, Wed, Sun and Bank Hol Mon (Thur in Aug), 2-5pm. £3.50, children £2.

The moated castle in deeply rural countryside presents an unforgettable first view, the honey-coloured stone reflected in the surrounding water as it has been for more than five centuries. Once across the moat and within the protected area of what is more a manor house than a castle, the garden presents itself in perfect harmony to the architecture.

The main features are two superbly planted borders, with sensitive arrangement of colour, for which Lanning Roper gave assistance in 1969: blue, grey, yellow and white in one; red, mauve and deeper blue in the other. The ladies' garden is an enjoyable box-edged *fleur-de-lys* and best admired from the upstairs windows. One of Broughton's greatest rewards is that almost every time you look up from admiring a plant you enjoy a view out across the surrounding parkland.

Gunby Hall, Gunby, near Spilsby, Lincolnshire (1909 486411).

Two and a half miles northwest of Burgh-le-Marsh, south of the A158. Open April-Sept, Wed and Thur, 2-6pm (last admission 5.30pm) £1.80, children 90p.

Certain gardens suggest themselves for a visit at different times of the year and Gunby is a late-summer candidate, with people passing on their way to holiday at the seaside. Its old walled enclosures are burgeoned with flowers and ripening fruit.

There is delightful contrast in mood between the stark, redbrick 1700 house, built by Sir William Massingberd that looks out over lawn to parkland and two walled gardens, which present a heady mixture of fruit, flowers and vegetables and adorned by pergolas, a dovecot and a gazebo.

Annuals in some borders are outstanding, and the apple-lined paths are a treat. A canal lined with columnar junipers is supposedly the scene of a grim family death, but no such hint of gloom can dispel the atmosphere of heady enjoyment that the kitchen gardens provide.

Gunby Hall's summerhouse

Drummond Castle, Muthill, near Creiff, Perthshire (01764 681251).

Two miles south of Crieff on A822. Open daily May-Oct, 2-6pm. £3, children £1.50.

Drummond is one of Scotland's most impressive and extraordinary gardens, and tomorrow it is open in aid of Scotland's Garden Scheme. Below the ancient castle and the adjacent house, both perched on a rocky eminence, the great parterre garden is spread out like a richly decorated tapestry.

The garden was created in 1630 by John Drummond, and its dramatic formality was revived between 1818 and 1860 by Lewis Kennedy, the head gardener. The primary pattern is the St Andrews cross, marked by paths, but the whole is a pattern of box-edged beds, clipped yew, purple acer and Portuguese laurel of enormous complexity. White marble statues provide dazzling ornamentation, both in the parterre and up the flights of steps, and the overall style is reminiscent of Italian, French and Dutch gardens adapted to British taste.

As if to emphasise this, the garden's most striking ornament is the wonderful multifaceted sundial made by Charles I's master mason.

Kettle Hill, Blakeney, Norfolk (01263 741147).

On the Langham road, out of Blakeney, signposted on all main roads. Open tomorrow, 2-5.30pm. £1.50, children free.

At Kettle Hill, Richard and Frances Wynch have shown during the last five years what can be done when making a "second" garden. For many years they lived at Swannington, near Norwich, where they developed a fine country house garden and established the Romantic Garden Nursery. They wanted their move to Kettle Hill to mark a change, both in location and garden style — which it emphatically did.

Perched on a hill with breathtaking views to the Norfolk coast and the majestic landmark of Morston church tower, the garden is adventurous in both design and planting. An addition to the house built in the style of a classical orangery overlooks a knot garden in low box hedging, gravel and lavender. Terraces and steps with intricate patterning lead up to a sweep of lawn and views to woodland, where lilies thrive in the shade and the paths lead to a secret rose garden.

But it is the bold planting of summer perennials and foliage plants in the long border to one side of the lawn, and in the new walled garden behind that is most evident. In the wall garden, the combination of *Oenothera* 'Pink Petticoat' growing through one of the alstromeria Princess lilies with shell-pink flowers, surrounded by billowing gypsophila 'Rosy Veil', is a good example of the combinations of colour and form that abound to show any visitor what can be achieved in the space of just a few years.

GEORGE PLUMPTRE

CORRECTION

HIGHDOWN garden, West Sussex, was created by Sir Frederick and Lady Stern and not by Sir Frederick Stearn (Gardening, June 29).

GARDEN ANSWERS

STEPHEN ANDERTON
replies ro readers' letters

Q A friend has moved into a flat where the garden has suffered from a heavy dose of weedkiller drift, possibly from a railway track. Is there a cure? — B. Rust, Sittingbourne, Kent.

A This depends on what chemical was used. Glyphosate is one of the better chemicals in terms of its eco-friendliness, but a little goes a long way when it comes to killing plants, especially soft herbaceous ones. Selective weedkillers — nastier chemicals — are more easily resisted by plants. The leaves may curl and some distortion may occur, but many plants eventually shrug this off and grow normally in the following year. So the answer for your friend is to be patient and see what survives. If she can establish a case against the railway people, she should make a noise.

Q How do I deal with a rampant wisteria? Mine is 30 years old and grows on a southeast-facing wall. It is never fed but produces such big shoots that, if left to the normal twice-yearly pruning, it would take over the place. Would it be better to pull off all the new growth? — Mrs J. Thompson, Diss, Norfolk.

A Fed or not, your wisteria obviously has access to plenty of food and water. So rather than provoking it into yet more rampant shoots by hard pruning, cut less for a year or two. Stick to the twice-yearly pruning only, in July and December, and encourage it to slow down a little by ripening some wood. Has it had some hard pruning in the last few years, to incite it to riot?

Q A German friend gave us two walnut seedlings from her garden 13 years ago. Last year the first walnut was produced. This year there were many embryo walnuts but they all dropped off. The leaves have peculiar indentations, too. What should I do? — J. Webb, Alfriston, East Sussex.

A Your trees are infected with walnut leaf blotch, *Gnomonia leptostyla*, producing yellow blotches on the surface and grey ones underneath. Small trees can be sprayed with Bordeaux mixture. Otherwise, make sure you collect and burn as many of the leaves as possible. Leaf blotch also affects the fruits, but not to the extent of making them all drop off at embryo stage. This was probably because of the cold or drought earlier in the year. Walnuts carry male and female flowers on the same tree so, once a tree has settled down to regular flower production, pollination, which is by wind, should be no problem.

Q My neighbour has a 28-year-old monkey puzzle tree that has reached 24ft growing in nothing more than clay with flints. Is it likely to grow any taller? This year it carried many cones and shed a lot of yellow dust: would this have been pollen? The tree is 14ft from the back wall of my house. Is it likely to do harm? It does not seem to affect any plants between itself and my house. — J.A. Smith, Chatham, Kent.

A Monkey puzzles do less well in thin dry soils and where humidity is low. This one is growing at a good speed and seems happy enough to bear plenty of cones. This year has been good for cones after last year's hot summer, and, yes, the dust will have been pollen. The tree will get bigger, probably much taller than the house, but these are wind-firm trees and unlikely to fall on the house. There may, however, be subsidence problems on your clay soil. More to the point, you will soon have a heavily shaded house. Much as I love monkey puzzles, particularly in small gardens, it would be better for you if the tree was removed in the next few years. Why not offer to buy your neighbour a new one, 6ft tall, for £150? It might be money well spent.

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The ties that can cure – or kill

Tying in plants the wrong way can be fatal, says **Stephen Anderton**

Picture a 20ft spire of the cypress-like incense cedar *Calocedrus decurrens*. Ten years ago a couple saw that theirs had lost its original single leader, and that the several new leaders were in danger of breaking off; the whole tree could split apart. So a circle of nylon rope was knotted loosely around each leading trunk and then passed on to the next leader, until they were all joined together in a self-supporting chain gang.'

And then they moved house. New people came who had no idea of the trouble brewing up in their fine, emerald-green conifer. One windy day a branch broke in the tree, half way up, and hung there by a snag. When they got the saw out to cut away the torn branch it was immediately apparent what had happened. Ten years down the line those loose circles of nylon cord had strangled the growing trunks to the point at which, even before dying of constriction, they had ceased to be capable of supporting their own weight. Every trunk was ruined by the rope, and the whole of the top half of the tree had to be cut off. The tree has sprouted and will grow again. But, if it was weak after the first loss of leader, a second set will be even less strong. If only the ties had been mentioned to the new owners, and cut away in time, all might now be well.

The strangled stem of a dead plant, the result of tying in too tightly during early growth

never to use imperishable cord or wire where it can be forgotten, unless you really have to. If wire has to be used, run it through a length of hosepipe where it touches bark, so that it will not bite into the tree.

Even when tying up roses it is kinder, visually and physically, to use natural strings, such as fillis. Whether undyed, green or tarred, natural string is less conspicuous than any of the poplypropylene garden twines, which seem to come inevitably in luminous day-glo greens. Best of all, natural fibres rot before they can do damage to expanding stems.

Occasionally it may be prudent to use imperishable twine on the main trunk of a climbing rose on the wall of a house, to avoid the day when it might tear free and come down on plants below. But apart from such exceptional occasions, it is better to use perishable string.

Preferences vary about methods for tying in roses to walls or trellis. Most people like to make a figure of eight around the stem and the section of trellis, so there is plenty of slack for an expanding stem to take up. Also, it affords a slight buffer between soft stem and hard trellis. Tying to wall nails is a slower business. You can tie the middle of a length of string around the nail with a reef knot ("left over right and under, right over left and under"), leaving two long ends to tie around the plant. But I find this much too fiddly. I prefer to use a clove hitch knot, looped on to the nail and pulled tight. It still leaves two long ends to pull in the plant, but it is ten times faster than using a reef knot, and so much easier to do when you are tying behind other foliage and can't see what you are doing.

For ease of working up a ladder, put the ball of string in a plastic carrier bag and loop it over the ladder. Pull out a yard or so at a time, and cut it off to leave a tail dangling out of the bag, so that you can reach it with one hand. Secateurs can tuck in a back pocket, or a holster attached to the belt for Gucci gardeners. Some people like to string a bucket to the ladder, to hold both string and secateurs when both hands are needed elsewhere.

A ball of string should be pulled out from the centre and its wrappings left intact if you want to get to the end of the roll without producing some final tangle. Keeping it in an old plastic plant pot also makes it easier to pull it out right to the end.

Where speed of tying roses is paramount, I have seen tape and staple guns used to tie to canes or narrower supports. But it looks as fast and careless as it is. Better to leave stapling for temporary, commercial purposes, such as fixing to a cane in a pot before sale. If plastic can be avoided in a garden, it should. Stapling in a garden is like putting MFI in a fine château.

Some years ago a rhus died on me after six or seven years. It had been planted in the driest of soils and had not been a success. But what surprised me was that, on digging up the root, the elasticated net used to hold the rootball together was still intact, and its knotted corners, looped in pairs around the trunk, were biting deep into the wood. Once set in the planting hole, the corners of the net should have been untied and spread out around the plant. Someone could not be bothered, and so a mature plant died.

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WEEKEND TIPS

- *Ensure that runner beans have plenty of water; give liquid feed with a tomato fertiliser and pick regularly to keep them cropping. If you are going away on holiday, arrange for someone else to pick and use them.*
- *Keep down wear and tear on lawns browned by drought. Withhold fertilisers and*
- *Give dahlias secure stakes tall enough to take them through to the end of the season, and tie them loosely.*
- *Cut areas of wildflower and meadow grass this month, taking off all the clippings, to reduce fertility and encourage flowering. Be sure first that the plants you wish to*

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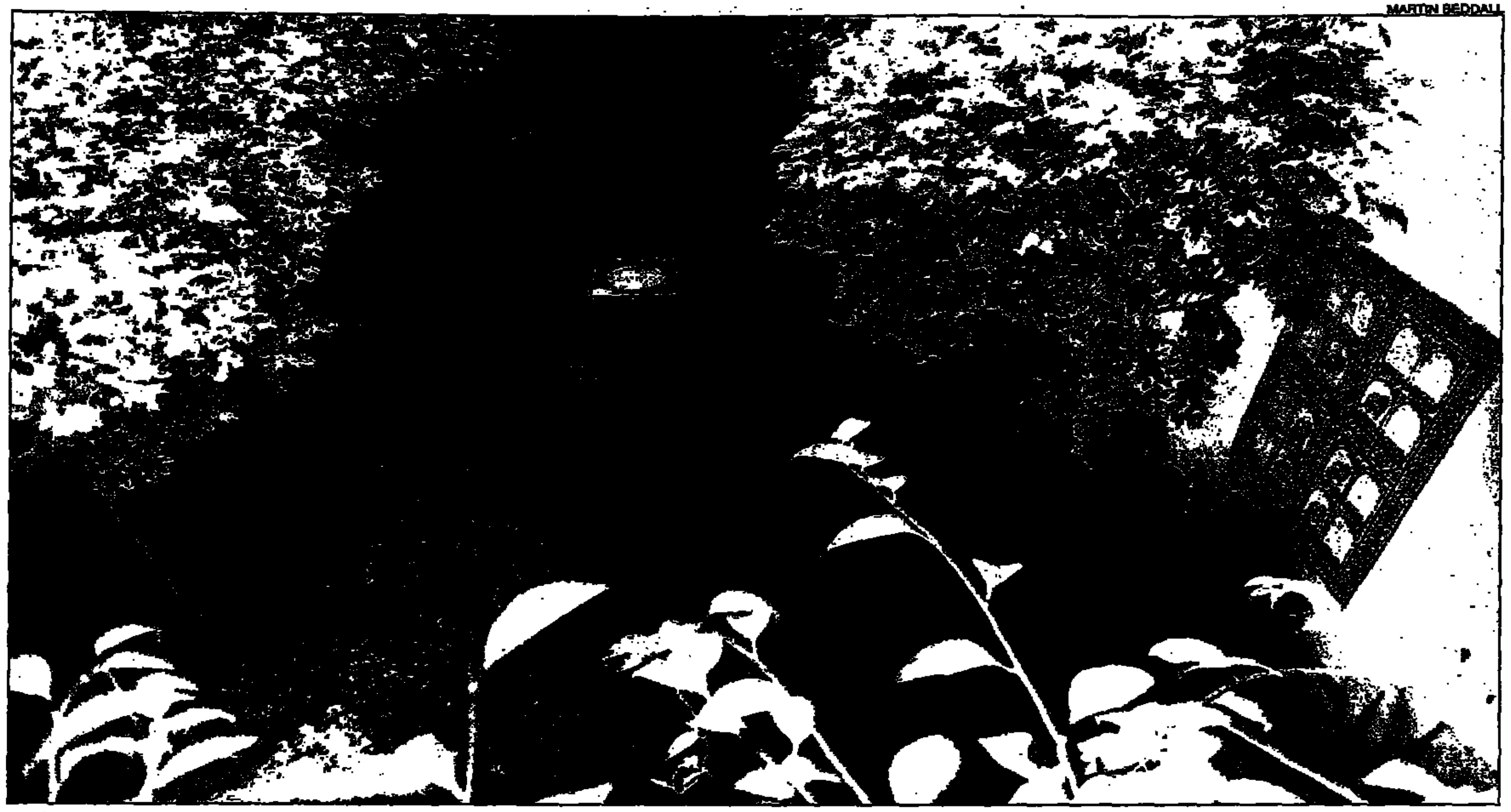
From poor earth to the riches of the Italianate

It has taken 20 years to transform an infertile patch into a magnificent garden which is open to the public. **Patricia Morison** reports



MARTIN BEDDALL

The Sicilian herb garden, surrounded by *Acer platanoides* 'Drummondii', features box hedging, a well-head and wall "window" made of Spanish tiles

Pam and Nick Coote in their garden

Among gardening *cognoscenti*, the name Coote is associated with a jewel of an Italian garden in an Oxford suburb; a garden which is a triumph over horrible soil. Anyone who has the same problem should take the example of Pam and Nick Coote to heart.

Twenty-two years ago, the Cootes moved from north Oxford to the similarly donnish suburb of Old Headington. But if the neighbours left nothing to be desired, the garden was a different story. A secluded half-acre screened by tall trees, it now spreads pleasantly around the house — vintage 1930s, Spanish-style with white walls, wrought iron, and green pantiles.

The Cootes were used to north Oxford's hearty soil, so it was a shock to find that in Headington the soil was the horticultural equivalent of gruel: thin and infertile. Many gardeners would have battled for the rest of their days to achieve a respectable herbaceous border, fruit trees, roses and a decent lawn. On sight, the Cootes abandoned their dreams of creating a beautiful English garden.

For a year, they read and thought and planned, before embarking on a project which would take years to mature.

The result is a fascinating garden, rationally and interestingly planned to seem much larger, with its paths and hedges, its shady recesses of densely planted shrubs and specimen trees, which include such unusual species as Hungarian oak, Italian pine, and the incense cedar. Idiosyncratic, even whimsical (there is a corner for plant freaks and a non-functional fountain of grinning dolphins), this is an exceptionally intricate creation. Incredible effort must have been involved in producing the hundreds of annuals, tender perennials and exotic shrubs, brought out from the greenhouse every June and artfully arranged in pots and urns to lap the front of the house and spill excitingly along the drive.

The Italian influence is strong, imbued in Mr Coote by years of study in Rome. His wife is equally Italophile. Yet this is not a garden of grandiloquent pastiche, but one where Renaissance principles of design have been mulled over and adapted for a rather modest setting.

> ❛The soil was thin as gruel . . . .and on sight the Cootes abandoned dreams of creating a beautiful garden❜

Take the wide parterre beside the terrace, where at this season the Cootes can sit framed by pots of 12ft-tall daturas. At a time when there is an epidemic of fussily unconvincing parterres, this one is an object lesson, framed by a 4ft yew hedge enclosing four simple, perfectly proportioned box-edged beds, planted with predominantly grey-leaved plants which flower in blocks of single colour. This spring, it was lilac, alliums and narcissi, later *Hebe albicans*, sedums and 'Hidcote' lavender.

Admiring the garden's botanical profusion it is easy to forget the infertile ground beneath. The Cootes minister to it tirelessly. They feed yearly with mushroom compost, safe enough on their neutral soil but not a good idea if, like mine, your soil is very alkaline. They mulch 3in deep in spring with leaf mould and spot feed copiously with Chempak.

However, the key to success is discovering plants which perform on poor, fast-draining soil, and even in shade or semi-shade. Evergreen shrubs, small and large, offer many possibilities and, as Mrs Coote points out, are an escape from the typically British winter wasteland. A favourite is *Mahonia aquifolia*, which colours prettily in the winter and makes an attractive low edging to a path. *Sarcococca* 'Christmas Box' is another favourite, grown along the drive under the tunnel of laburnums where it fills the February air with the scent of honey.

That thorny brute poncirus does well under there, too, laden with white blossom in May. Another well armed evergreen is *Berberis calliantha*, which the Cootes have as a low hedge under a shady bow-window. It is pretty enough to make even a convinced berberis-hater like me think twice, and its coarse teeth might give a burglar pause for thought.

Hollies are a neglected tribe, beautiful even when young and, for the most part, splendidly tolerant of short commons. The Cootes grow many species, from the neat hummock of uncommon *Ilex cornuta* 'Rotunda' to the weirdly fleshy *I. crassifolia*. Particularly pretty is *I. hascombensis*, a slender spire with miniature, twisted leaves. Variegated hollies are a brilliant choice for lifting gloomy corners. The Cootes have the uncommon and beautiful little *I. myrtifolia aureus*, as well as the strapping 'Silver Milkboy', which is in every garden centre.

The overly despised laurels are another good bet. *Prunus laurocerasus* 'Zabeliana' stretches wide to make a handsome, glossy presence underneath big trees. Its relative *P. camelliifolia* has thick leaves and is a touch bizarre.

A particularly clever idea of the Cootes is to grow that fine form of laurel *P. laurocerasus* 'Otto Luyken', in a wide bed hard up against the towering boundary trees. Mr Coote hard prunes to keep it at 3ft 6in, cutting a scalloped edge where the laurels meet the path. In early summer they fill each gap with a large terracotta pot of white agapanthus, 12 in all, and smart as new paint against the glossy laurel.

A winner in dry shade is the lacy-leafed elder *Sambucus nigra laciniata*. Another jaw-breaker is *Acanthopanax sieboldianus* 'Variegatus', a graceful shrub with sparse, silver-edged leaves, quietly handsome in a dark corner.

At low level, the Cootes use far choicer things than butcher's broom and stinking iris. For trachystemon, sun or shade is all the same. It is a rampaging carpeter with big heart-shaped leaves and glistening, haired, purple flowers. Tiarella, or Foam Flower, is said to need rich, damp woodland.

Do not believe it; this pretty thing does fine in dry shade. So does *Pachyphragma macrophyllum*, which has glistening white spires of blooms in April. I cannot wait to try it.

● *The Cootes' garden at 40 Osler Road, Headington, Oxford OX3 9BJ, is open for the National Gardens Scheme on Aug 11, and by appointment for gardening clubs. For nurseries stocking the plants mentioned above, consult the Royal Horticultural Society's* The Plant Finder *(Moorland Publishing, Moor Farm Road West, Ashbane, Derbyshire, DE6 1HD. £12.99; ISBN 0 951 2161-6-X, £12.99).*

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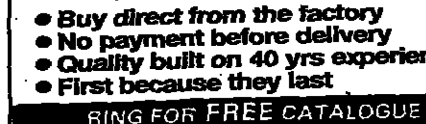

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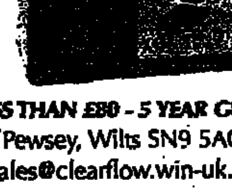

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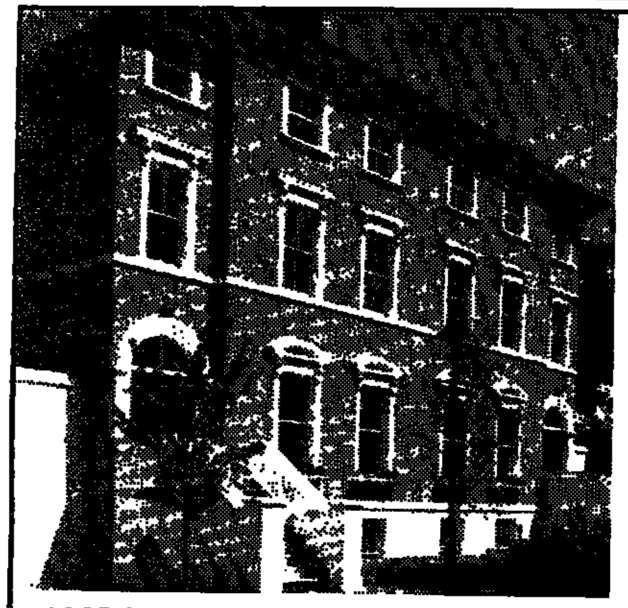

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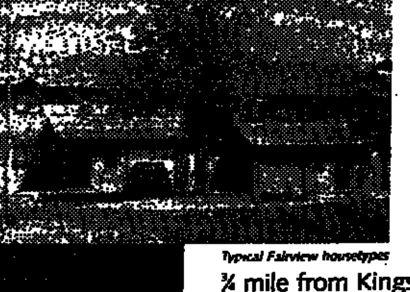

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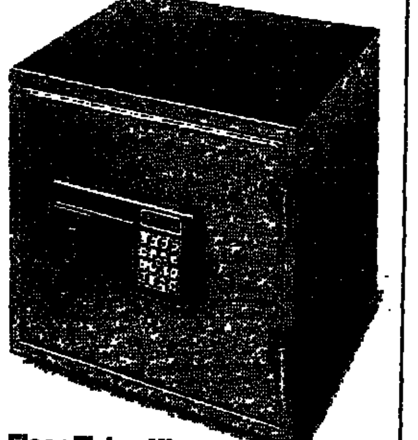

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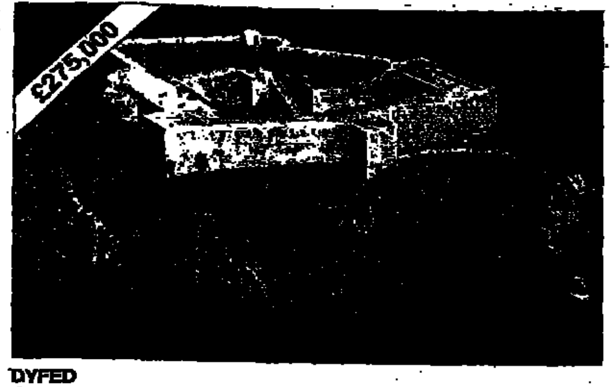

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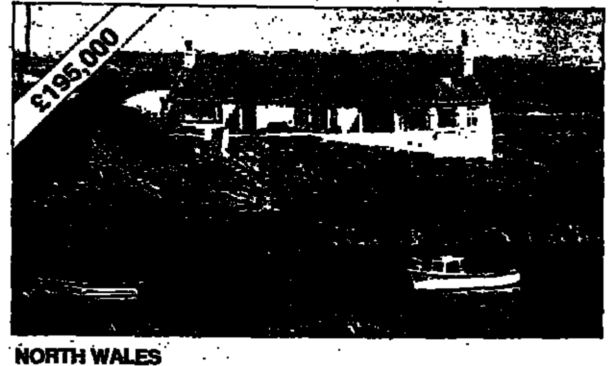

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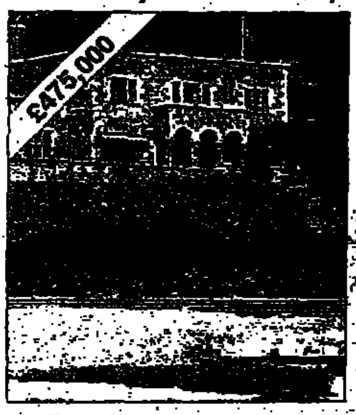

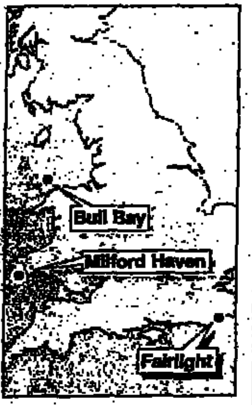

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They have tried the bedroom, the garage, the kitchen and the dining room. But over the past year an increasing number of the estimated 700,000 people who work from home are moving their offices into the garden.

Andrew James, publisher of *Home Run*, the magazine aimed at those working from home, says: "It's usually cheaper than building an extension and it gives you greater privacy. Dedicated space is very important. You can work without noise from the vacuum cleaner or television and you don't have to keep packing your stuff away. The fact that there is a place to go, shut the door and come away from is an important advantage."

The growing demand prompted Worcestershire-based Courtyard Designs to launch its Office in the Garden a few weeks ago. The company makes a range of traditional timber outbuildings but now offers four sizes of garden office.

The smallest is 15ft by 10ft, costing about £11,000, the largest 20ft by 10ft at around £16,000. They are made of Douglas fir weatherboard or cedar, have a steel security grid between the outside wall and the plasterboard interior, and come with slate or reclaimed clay tiled roofs. Walls, floors and roofs are insulated with fibrewool.

The door and windows are double glazed and have secure locks. The office takes two days to assemble and does not need foundations. Ursula Mason, director of Courtyard Designs, says: "We can obtain planning permission if it's needed, but usually it isn't. Exceptions may be where it's in a conservation area, if it lies within the curtilage of a listed building, in a National Park or in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty."

Homelodge in Hampshire has been in operation for a decade but in the last year has seen "incredible increase" in demand, according to one of its directors, Sue Bolger. Its timber offices, with insulated walls, floors and roofs, and double glazing, start at £8,850 for a 12ft square building. A 12ft by 27ft costs £15,750, and the company also makes larger offices. Although Homelodge's offices have internal cabling, carpets, blinds and heating, customers will need to bring services to the site.

The offices of Executive Garden Studios in Shropshire are timber-framed with steel walls, coated with plastic inside and outside. Windows are double glazed and glass is toughened at lower levels.

Helen Barrett, who with her husband Steven runs the business from, not surprisingly, an office in the garden, says: "We try to cover maintenance, security and insulation." The firm's smallest office (9ft square) cost £5,306 and can be put up in a day. The biggest (11ft by 22ft) costs £10,341. The custom-made buildings can be bought outright or leased for three years "and then it's yours", says Mrs Barrett.

As for insuring these buildings and the equipment inside, Ian Jones, managing director of Tolson Messenger, the home office insurers, says: "You must tell your household insurers what you're doing. Outbuildings are normally covered under the household buildings policy but because you're running a business it may affect the validity of your policy. That will vary from insurer to insurer. They will certainly like to know if you're involved in a hazardous activity which may result in an increased fire risk."

One way of putting distance between you and the rest of the world is to have an office in a tree. Last year, at the Chelsea Flower Show, Wyevale Garden Centres created the Writer's Garden, including a tree house with a balcony and office equipment which was surrounded by a moat (pictured right). The garden won a Royal Horticultural Society Gold Medal.

The Northamptonshire firm of Mill Developments (now Willowbrook), which made the tree house, has had a number of inquiries. Its owner, Peter Farrell, says costs would be between £5,000 and £10,000 depending on size but, like trees, his houses may be some time coming. The company is very busy for the next few months.

CHRISTIAN DYMOND

NEWSTEAM

The Rev Colin Hutt with Hilda the labrador outside the purpose-built garden office he shares with his wife

CASE HISTORY

FOR Liz Hutt, relocation means an office between two pear trees and a 20-yard walk to work. Until recently the dining room at her 16th-century home in Shropshire provided the office for a secretarial business, shared with her husband Colin, a priest, who used it to talk to parishioners. Their daughter Jane also used it for piano practice and, when the family had dinner, there was no hiding the photocopier.

THE Hutts heard that Courtyard Designs was about to launch its Office in the Garden and took delivery of the very first one. At 15ft by 10ft, it is the smallest in Courtyard Designs' selection of four timber offices, but can still seat three people comfortably. Mrs Hutt said: "We're very happy with it. It came as a complete package with door locks, three windows, double glazing, overhead spotlights, a heater and 16 power points.

All the Hutts had to do was dig a short trench from the house to the office for the water pipe and the electricity and telephone wiring. Mrs Hutt still has to move out occasionally when her husband, who is also using the office, sees his parishioners. The piano, however, is staying in the dining room.

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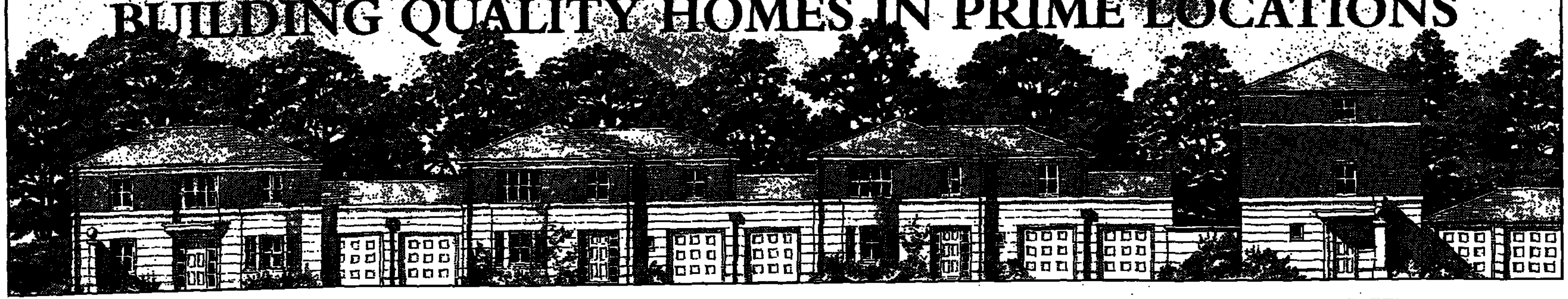

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Feather Report

The punkish rock lovers

BIRDS ARE gathering along the rocky shores of the west coast of Scotland. There are always hooded crows there, stalking about looking for a dead crab or a half-eaten bread roll. But curlews have come down from the mountainsides to join them, feeding with their long, curved beaks at the end of a sandspit or beating across the water with a wild, melodious cry.

Resting among the rocks, or floating just out in the waves, you can often see in August a small flock of dark-looking ducks. They are quite shy, and as you get near they wing away in a small skein over the sea, now showing a white bar on their wings.

These are red-breasted mergansers, which nested earlier this year in a tunnel in the brambles or under overhanging heather on the shores of the mountain lochs and sea inlets. Just now they all look so dark because they have gone into their "eclipse" plumage while they moult.

In a couple of months, though, the drakes will be looking quite spectacular again. They will have green heads, a white collar, and a broad chestnut band across their breast.

Most noticeable of all, they will have a stiff little crest sticking out from the back of the head, quite punkish — and the females, though they will remain in duller plumage, will have the same adornment. The other remarkable feature about them is their beaks. They belong to a family of diving ducks called "sawbills", which also includes the goosander and smew.

Their beaks (which are bright red) have a line of backward-leaning teeth along the inner edges, and they use these to hold the fish that they catch as they swim around under water. They like young salmon — and they are not popular with fish farmers. They are shot, but there is no real evidence that they do any harm to fish stocks.

Bobbing about on a rough sea, or swimming with their heads half-under looking for fish, they are a delightful sight. At present, it has been calculated, there are about 3,000 breeding pairs in Scotland and a few more in England and Wales — and I am glad to say that they seem to be holding their own.

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● **What's about:** *Birders — Watch for large numbers of black-headed gulls and starlings overhead catching recently hatched flying ants. Twitchers — American widgeon at Cley, Norfolk; Spanish sparrow at Waterside, Cumbria; four white-rumped sandpipers at Breydon Water, Norfolk. Details from Birdline 0891 700222. Calls cost 40p a minute cheap rate, 50p at all other times.*

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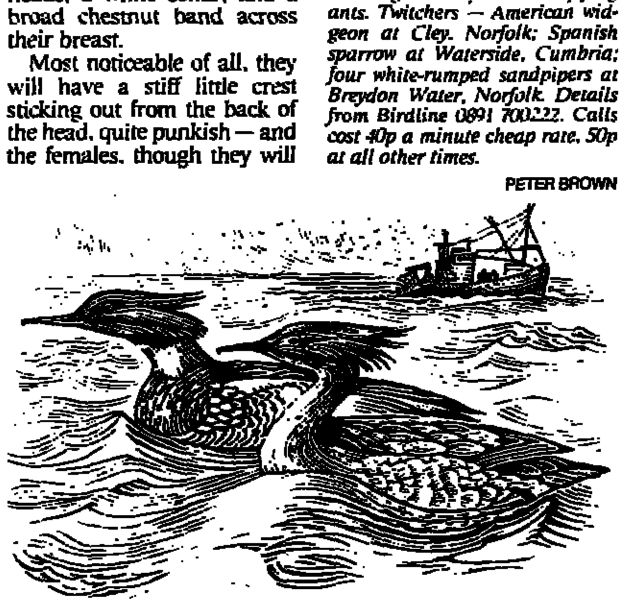
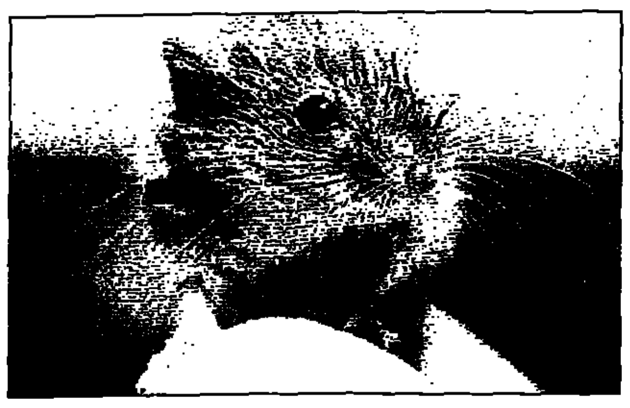


Red-breasted mergansers have a taste for young salmon



Ballroom to let for high life

Keep your eyes peeled this summer and you may see harvest mice living in tennis balls, says **Jack Crossley**

Pet lovers have been invited to take part in a survey which will introduce them to the harvest mouse — an irresistible creature with the audacity to be pugnacious while not being much longer than the joint of a human finger.

They are being asked to look for these tiny rodents living inside tennis balls placed in fields by scientists. A hole has been cut into each ball to provide a haven for this smallest of British rodents. The hole has a circumference of 15mm — smaller than a 5p piece — and is too small to let any other rodents in. It is ideal for the harvest mouse, which weighs about 6g, but is too small for the wood mouse, which weighs about 19g. By comparison, a house mouse weighs 13g.

The reason behind the scientific survey is not that the harvest mouse is in any particular danger of becoming extinct, although it is not as abundant as it used to be. In fact, it is surviving despite industrialised farming techniques. It's just that we need more information about how it is getting on.

Only around 0.5 per cent of biological records held in the UK are on mammals, compared with 65 per cent for birds. But this is set to change. "We can only protect British mammals effectively if we know where they are," says Dr Pat Morris, chairman of the Mammal Society.

Spotting harvest mice has never been easier. Slazenger has provided 11,000 tennis balls and the Mammal Society has put them on the end of bamboo poles in strategic fields around the country. There is already plenty of evidence that the mice find them des res.

These tiny mice are charming but can you keep them as pets? It used to be popular, but those who care for them try to discourage the idea. Derek Gow, of the New Forest Nature Quest near Lyndhurst, Hampshire, which has a popular harvest mice colony, says: "As long as people get the right advice, read the literature, are interested in what they are doing and provide the correct facilities, harvest mice can be fascinating pets."

But these little rodents are for looking at — not for handling. Remember the caresses that Lennie gives lovingly, but fatally, to his pets in Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*.

They are best kept in small colonies behind glass. "You need a cabinet about 4ft high by 2ft deep," Mr Gow says. "They're pugnacious, and bolshie. Once you have more than six they will fight." Nature Quest has 14 breeding harvest mice on display in an area which looks like a sea of corn stooks at the edge of a meadow with a big mural behind it. The enclosure is 15ft deep by 8ft wide surrounded by a 4ft high fence and designed to look like a normal agricultural stock fence.

Mr Gow says: "Through the summer you can easily have four or five litters — with each pair producing four or five youngsters. You could end up with 140 animals — that's in an ideal world with every one surviving. To cope with this we keep an off-display breeding facility so, should anything happen to the display, we hold all our surplus mice there. We also get harvest mice specialists who approach us for surplus stock."

The Quest is based entirely on British wildlife. There is underground viewing of water voles in their runs, mink swimming areas and large natural ponds with specimens of British fish.

Harvest mice are popular because they are very active, especially when it is sunny and warm and because people are astonished by how small they are. "They are absolutely minute," said Mr Gow. "But although they are the smallest rodent they are not our smallest mammal. Pygmy shrews are even smaller." They live on millet, grass seeds, grain heads — largely a vegetarian diet but they also take very small insects.

Perhaps the best way of having your own harvest mice colony is to provide your own tennis ball sanctuary — especially if your garden backs on to farmland or grassland.

● *To take part in the Harvest Mouse Survey, contact the Mammal Society at Cloisters House, 8 Battersea Park Road, London SW8 4BG (0171-498 4358).*
● *Nature Quest, Longdown, Ashurst, near Southampton, SO40 4UH (01703 292408).*
● *Nature Quest is open during summer from 10am to 5pm, seven days a week. Entrance £4.50 adults, £3.25 children.*

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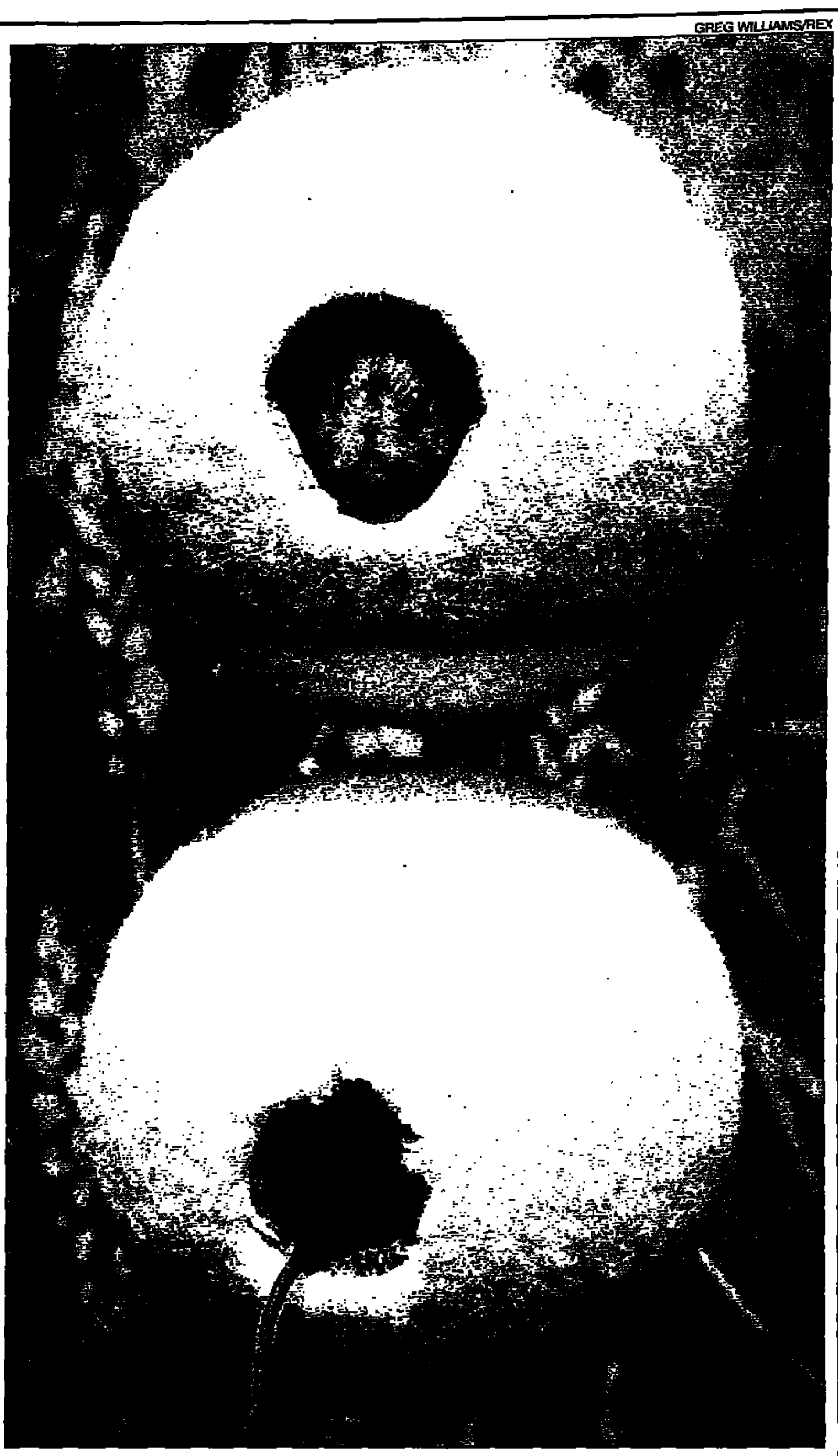


Harvest mice at home in their tennis balls and, above left, one of the tiny creatures

MICE FACTS

- **In summer, harvest mice live in tall grass and can be found on sand dunes, salt marshes, hedgerows, cereal fields, marshland and road and motorway verges.**
- **The size of the nest will vary from golf ball to cricket ball size. Nests are most easily found from early autumn to late spring.**
- **The maximum lifespan is thought to be around 18 months, but many do not survive beyond six months.**
- **It's tough being this small — predators finding harvest mice a tasty morsel include owls, foxes, rats, hawks, pheasants, blackbirds and toads.**

A Vet Writes . . .

How to keep the puppy fat away

It is said that 40 per cent of dogs are overweight — and a survey of pet owners might produce similar figures for the same reasons: too much food and not enough activity.

Person or pooch, it is easier to gain weight than lose it, so slimming should begin as soon as an extra pound appears. But in the real world, Fido is several pounds overweight before anyone thinks of a diet. Overweight dogs don't enjoy life as much as lean ones, and fatties may die earlier. Coronary heart disease is not the killer that it is in human beings, but fatty livers and overworked kidneys wear out more quickly.

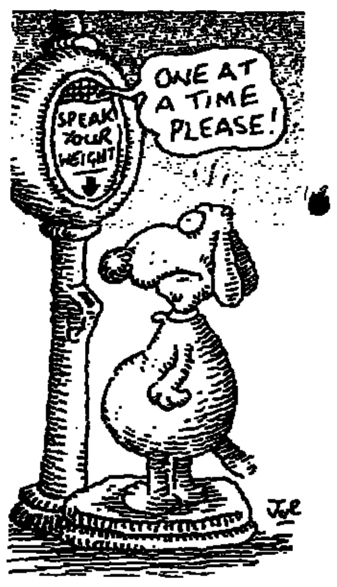
Making sure a dog enjoys the second half of his life is the best reason for keeping him slim. Legs carrying extra weight develop pains in the joints. Arthritic changes occur, and walking becomes an effort. The dog stays at home, has another biscuit, which turns into more fat.

So where do you start? The best place is the bathroom scales. Weigh him. If he won't sit on the scales, a little dog can be put in a basket or box. Otherwise, weigh yourself, pick up the dog, see what you weigh together, and do a subtraction. Your vet might help with his surgery scales.

Next, cut down on his food. Start with three-quarters of a normal bowl, and stop giving him titbits. The diet has to fill the dog up, so bulk is important. Low-calorie, high-fibre canned foods are available, but you can make a DIY diet by adding bran, boiled cabbage or carrot to his meals. Dogs get nothing out of these foods except a full stomach. With cunning it's possible to persuade a dog that raw carrot or apple is a titbit.

Regular weight checks tell you what's happening. If he's not losing weight, give him less to eat — or find out who in the family is cheating. The effort will be worthwhile.

JAMES ALLCOCK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PET NEWS

Discover the canine for you

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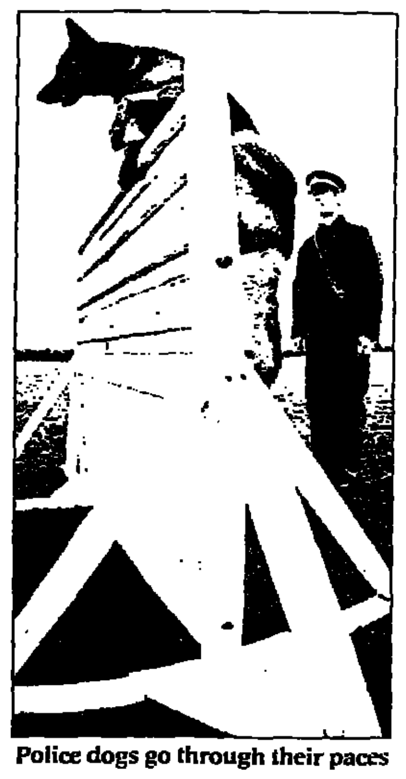
First-aid kits

TWO first-aid kits for pets will be launched at the RSPCA's Scruffts Competition for non-pedigree dogs on August 11. They are hailed as being of a standard higher than most human first-aid kits. Information from Sheila Parness, Dogwoode, 907 Nell Gwynn House, Sloane Avenue, London SW3 3BH (0171-584 6474). Small £12.99; large £49.99.

Time to play

HAVING SPLIT the atom, been to the moon, and dug a hole under the English Channel, is mankind ready to take another giant step and devise a toy which cats cannot resist playing with? Manufacturers have sent us aerobic trees, balls which run around race tracks, balls which distribute cat-chew rewards and catmint mice at the end of fishing rods. In months of tests, all cats known to this column either refuse to



Police dogs go through their paces

seconds. However, if you leave a toilet roll within reach . . . any suggestions?

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Fat cat homeless

NOW THAT it's August, it's time for a rash of stories about giant killer cats. If you hear any from Ipswich blame Wally, a jet-black giant who has been mistaken for a panther, but is nothing more than an overweight domestic short hair. The local Cats Protection League wants someone to offer him a good home. Contact the CPL on 01403 221927.

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Airgun menace

TIGHTER CONTROLS on air guns are being demanded after a survey among vets showed that 900 cats were treated for pellet wounds last year, according to *Countryman's Weekly*. More information on 01822 855281.

Lizard hazard

A BABY girl has recovered from meningitis believed to have developed from salmonella poisoning caught from the droppings of a pet monitor lizard. Andrea Miles, in-house vet at the Pet City chain, advises wearing gloves whenever dealing with animal droppings — particularly those of cats. Afterwards, always wash your hands.

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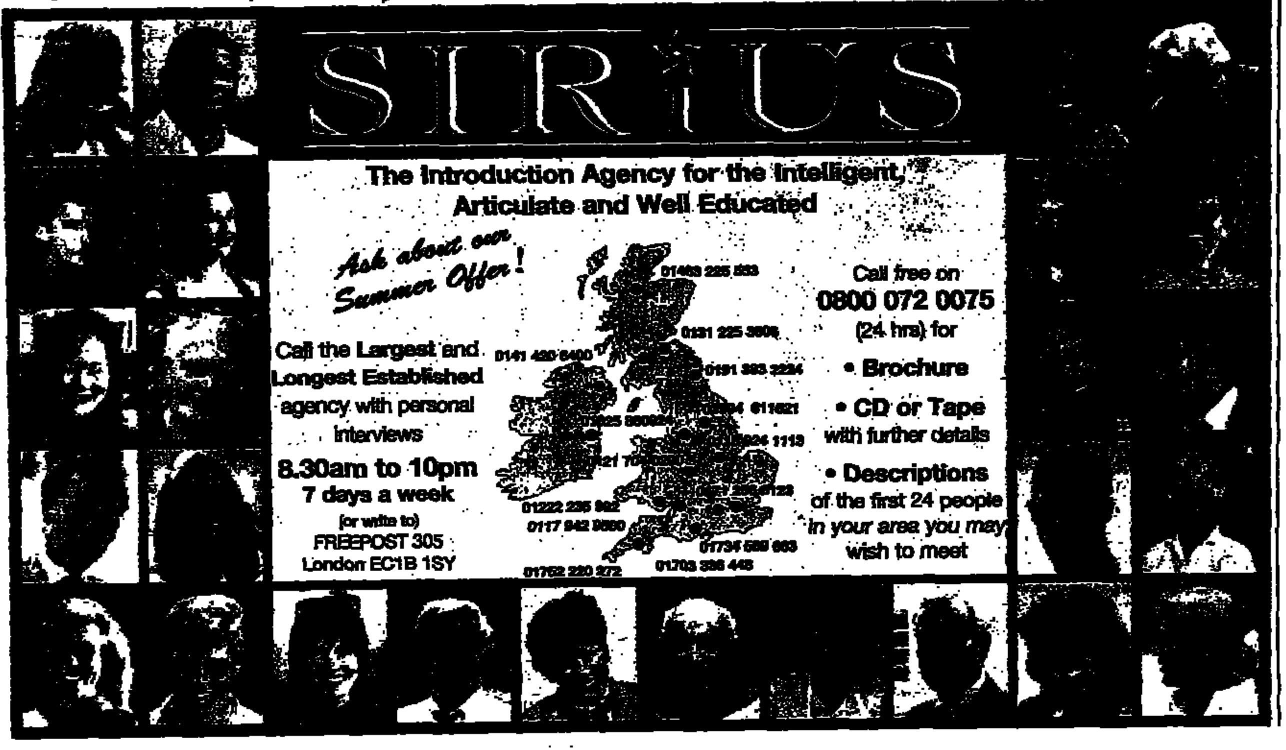
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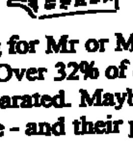

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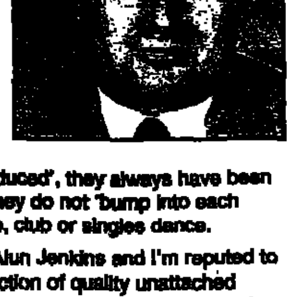

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I FELL with glee upon this gritty thriller. The cover of *Stand By, Stand By* — a grimy man in combat-gear in front of huge flames — is much the same as that of Chris Ryan's SAS memoir, *The One That Got Away*. Here was the stuff that would surely inspire me to abseil on a whim and to flash a .556 HK53 at any traffic warden who so much as glances at my registration number.

That is but a small part of the weaponry available to the narrator, Geordie Sharp, veteran of an escape from torture in Iraq during the Gulf War. Now back in the countryside with wife and son, he is so beset by nightmares that they agree to separate for a while. She returns to her parents in Belfast and is duly blown up, the victim of an IRA bomb. Posted there, Sharp is dangerously out of kilter with regimental strategy as he pursues a one-man revenge mission against the perpetrator, whose drug-dealing connections involve Sharp in an expedition to Colombia.

How macho is that squaddie in the window?

Never quite swamped by the technology, it is crude, compelling stuff, whether at the wheel in chases down those blasted streets or parachuting above deepest jungle, but you have to take on trust the obligatory romance which provides a deft twist to this shabbily-printed tale. All these wall-blasting events never quite succeed, however, in tempting you to follow suit — that remains the province of those masterly first-person narratives, *The Thirty-Nine Steps* and *Rogue Male*, which, somehow, really startle and shock on every reading.

Whatever these aesthetic objections, *Stand By, Stand By* confirms that Ryan will never be confused with his namesake, the author of *An Introduction to Hotel and Catering Economics*. Suggest otherwise, and you might find an RPG missile parked on the lawn.

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IN THE aftermath of the Tarragona terrorist attack, Harvill must be having second thoughts about the timing of its publication of Bernardo Atxaga's excursion into the world of the ETA Basque separatist movement.

The Basque problem is rarely understood, or given much sympathy apart from in Libya and the ranks of the IRA. The Basque language, often glibly dismissed as "impenetrable", is one of Europe's most remarkable survivals and, like Finnish and Hungarian (with which it shares the unusual practice of forming the plural in k), totally unrelated to the linguistic groups around it. Some understanding of its singularity may be gleaned from the fact that the original title of Bernardo Atxaga's book, *The Lone Man*, translated from the Spanish version, *El Hombre Solo*, was *Gizona Bere Bakardadean*.

But as so often with small nations, the language is a defining element, and the production of modern literature in it proof of continuing vibrancy. It is therefore wholly praiseworthy that Atxaga should have tackled the greatest issue facing the Basque people: the merits and justification of the continuing terror campaign for independence despite democracy and the huge degree of autonomy granted by Madrid since the death of Franco.

■ THE LONE MAN
By Bernardo Atxaga
Harvill, £15.99
ISBN 1 86046 135 2

The Lone Man is set just five years after the dictator's death, at a moment when the new Spain was determined to present a showcase to the world, during the 1982 World Cup in Barcelona. The protagonists are an ageing group of former ETA men, grown disillusioned with the armed struggle and living a semi-communal existence in a hotel bought with the proceeds of their last bank raids.

They still talk in the old terms, refer to each other by old codenames, but their real passions are football, each other's wives, the hotel waitresses and the fate of the group's one male offspring, a five-year-old boy named Pascal. But two events throw their cosy world into chaos. Their hotel is chosen to put up the Polish World Cup squad, complete with police protection. Meanwhile, Carlos, their one-time leader and co-owner of the hotel, has secretly given sanctuary to two still active ETA terrorists.

The tale is told essentially from Carlos's point of view, in the third person, at the centre of a closing police dragnet and a web of multiple deceptions stretching from the present back into his past. The dialogue — perhaps because of the double translation — is not as fluid as it might be, but otherwise this is a spellbinding, sympathetic odyssey into the mind of a former terrorist. Those currently involved in the profession will draw only cold comfort from the ending.

Nautical cobbers in arms

Hard-bitten Aussies fight the Nazi navy in the Battle of the Atlantic

"THEY'RE all good blokes. They're the best, the cream, every bloody one of 'em." Bob Stack, a hard-bitten son of the Outback turned commander of a gun and torpedo-boat flotilla, is proud of his boys. And he has good reason to be.

It is early autumn, 1943, and Grand Admiral Doenitz is gathering his forces for a further round in the Battle of the Atlantic. To this end, the *Heilbronne*, a former banana boat, has been refitted and armed as a supply vessel and is on its way from Le Havre to Brest and thence to the open sea. Can the Royal Navy coastal service sink it before it can begin its fiendish career?

Well, how could they possibly fail? Stack himself, grizzled before his time, is experienced and fearless. He really cares for his men but never loses sight of the job in hand. Ben Quarry, a fellow Australian, is his navigator — a man who wrestles about equally with his girlfriend and his conscience.

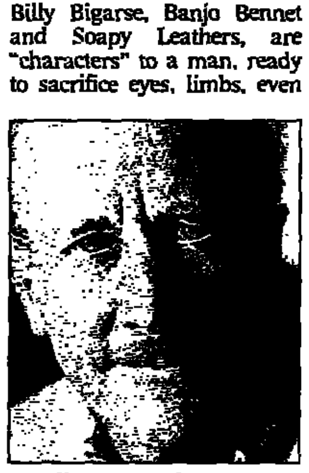
Stack and Quarry are dinkum cobbers who have done well out of the war. Stack has married his navigator's former girlfriend, the daughter of a "belted earl", while Quarry himself is hopelessly in love with a glamorous, half-French agent of the Special Operations Executive, determined to return to Rouen to help bring down the Bosch.

The villain, or anti-hero, of the piece is Mike Furneaux, an Old Etonian, "long-legged, dark and smoothly handsome", who, despite being Stack's number one torpedo man, insists on having an affair with his wife. Lady Joan, the spouse in question, is a "Free Fanny", an unpaid member of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry, somewhat wayward by nature, who believes there are better ways of getting her pants off than having them bored off her by a husband interested solely in marine mayhem.

■ BAND OF BROTHERS
By Alexander Fullerton
Little, Brown, £16.99
ISBN 0 316 87931 2

For Quarry, the problem is, how can he tell his commanding officer and best mate that Lady J is no better than she ought to be? In the meantime, the *Heilbronne* is waiting, and as the mighty engines of the MTBs and MGBs churn up the Channel, we know we are in for one hell of a fight.

So it proves. Fullerton certainly knows what it is like to be involved in action at sea and he gives it to us straight, with no punches pulled. The crews, with names such as Billy Bigarse, Banjo Bennet and Soapy Leathers, are "characters" to a man, ready to sacrifice eyes, limbs, even lives in the service of king and country and still laugh about it afterwards (unless, of course, they are dead).



Fullerton: exciting yarn

It is scarcely giving away the plot to disclose that this latest Fullerton yarn represents another one in the eye for the Führer at the hands of our boys. But it is enormously good fun and even, when it is intelligible, rather exciting. I enjoyed it.

WALTER ELLIS

HULTON DEUTSCH

Kingly victory: Henry V at the battle of Agincourt — today the site north of Maisoncelles has reverted to farmland

Summoning up the blood

THE ROAD that spans the open fields just north of Maisoncelles is a quiet country lane today. On a wet October morning, 580 years ago, the archers of Henry V stood where the tarmac stretches across the corn stubble between Azincourt and Tramecourt and flayed the French knights with a hail of arrows. From the site of the old English battle line, reminders and memorials, ancient and modern, lie on every side, each one a pointer to what happened here, but the only way really to understand the battle of Agincourt is to explore the battlefield on foot.

Touring battlefields is a popular hobby and Richard Holmes, a former lecturer at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and a Territorial Army brigadier, has chosen six western European battlefields, Agincourt (1415), Waterloo (1815) Mons and Le Cateau (1914), the Somme (1916), Arras (1940) and the Goodwood attack in Normandy in 1944 as suitable battlefields for foot-powered exploration. Battles have expanded down the centuries and exploring the last two battlefields will require a certain amount of car travel, but all the others lie within the grasp of a reasonably fit walker with anything from an afternoon to a couple of days to spare, an interest in military history and this useful and entertaining book.

■ WAR WALKS: From Agincourt to Normandy
By Richard Holmes
BBC Books, £16.99
ISBN 0 563 38749 1

Holmes makes the point that this is not a guidebook in the strict sense for it does not contain details of where to eat and sleep. What it does offer is a clear account of the campaign leading to the battle, significant points about the soldiers, their weapons and the actual encounter, and a detailed tour of the battlefield today. The book is well illustrated, apart from some rather inadequate maps, but nevertheless this is all a traveller needs to enjoy a battlefield tour.

The book will — or at least should — spur visitors to get out of the car or coach and experience these battlefields as the soldiers did long ago, with a certain amount of effort, and through the soles of their boots.

ROBIN NEILLANDS

Waugh's feint with damned praise

● EVELYN WAUGH once said that irritability was his worst fault — "irritability with absolutely everything. Inanimate objects and people, animals, anything". But a collection of *The Sayings of Evelyn Waugh* edited by Donat Gallaher, coming soon from Duckworth, shows that not all his epigrams were bad-tempered. What about: "The heavy port drinker must be prepared to make some sacrifice of personal beauty and agility"? Or: "Everyone has always regarded any usage but his own as either barbarous or pedantic"? However, there is a section of "Sharp Sayings" that includes his bitter view of the Irish — "the adroit and joyless race that break the hearts of all who try to help them".

BOOK NEWS

● *ALTHOUGH he won the Nobel Prize for Literature last year, Seamus Heaney has let his new book,* The Spirit Level, *go on to the shortlist for the 1996 Forward Prize for the best poetry collection, worth £10,000. Greed or modesty? His rivals are U. A. Fanthorpe, the first woman ever to be nominated as Oxford Professor of Poetry (though she did not get the job); John Fuller, son of Roy Fuller, and a don at Magdalen College, Oxford, who has been called by Peter Porter "the omni-competent ringmaster of contemporary poetry"; the clever Scotsman, W. N. Herbert, and the Faber poet Charles Boyle. Results on October 9, the eve of National Poetry Day.*

● THE goggle-eyed television comedian Sean Hughes has written a novel, set — where else? — in a small town outside Dublin. *The Detainees* is about two men who meet each other again after many years. However, their reunion is not a happy one. It reawakes memories of bullying and persecution — and it leads to some blackly comic revenge.

● *MIXED news for Richard Ingrams. A* Times *reader was looking for a copy of* The Oldie *on the WH Smith bookstall at Charing Cross station. He found it — on the shelf labelled "for older children".*

TIMES BOOKS

THURSDAY

Bernard Levin on Wagner; Nigel West on spies; plus Jonathan Mirsky on Hong Kong

Lights, camera, credit card

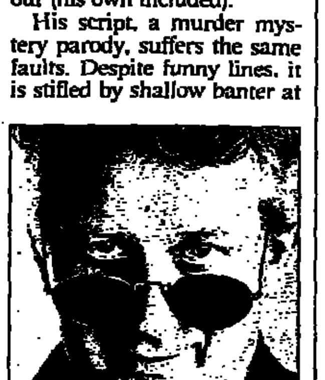
THE SUBTITLE reads, "How a hatchet-man critic made his own $7,000 movie and put it all on his credit card". Hatchet-man is right: Joe Queenan admits to making his name writing sarcastic articles for America's *Movieline* magazine, "trashing movie stars without ever having to meet them". A healthy profession. Then he read an article trumpeting Robert Rodriguez, the maverick Tex-Mex director who scored a hit with his film *El Mariachi*, made, so the myth insisted, for $7,000.

Queenan got to wondering. Could anyone else — he meant himself — pip this feat by making a watchable movie for $6,998 dollars? Someone with no training other than having watched thousands of other people's movies? To find out, he flipped through various books, took a two-day course with the no-nonsense Dov Simens, wrote a black comedy script called *Twelve Steps to Death* (included herein), leant on family, friends and neighbours (sources of the cast), filmed the script in nine chaotic days, unveiled the results at the USA Film Festival in Dallas, and wrote this book.

Total cost to Queenan, including ancillary matters such as publicity, was $65,193 dollars; and at the end of the day, he did not even have a film with a public future ("Slight, undernourished, only intermittently funny," said *Variety*). He had more success generating material for a comic book about the practicalities and lunatic accidents of no-budget film-making, though he is prone to repetition, and you grow weary of page upon page of smart-ass cynicism about every human endeavour (his own included).

■ THE UNKINDEST CUT
By Joe Queenan
Picador, £6.99
ISBN 0 330 34112 X

His script, a murder mystery parody, suffers the same faults. Despite funny lines, it is stifled by shallow banter at the expense of psychotherapy, dysfunctional people, "12-step" recovery programmes, the Catholic Church, and (most unpleasantly) the obese. Even if he had used Woody Allen's cast, it is hard to imagine Queegan's dialogue really singing on screen. Still, he got the film made, at a price; and you wonder with a shiver what new endeavour this heartless jester will document next.



Queenan: heartless jester

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KATHERINE is 45, a suburban American housewife. She subscribes to the LuxNet Information Service, one of those computer systems which allows you to leave messages within specialist areas for other members, and joins LuxNet's Adult Topics Bulletin Board, where she becomes Katie and joins in the fun.

And, oh, what fun they have. Some nights they have theme parties where they all leave messages telling each other what 1970s clothing they are pretending to wear. Imagine the giggles! On other nights, they swap more meaningful messages in which Katie, abandoned beyond all imagining now, admits that she collects "handmade baskets of all kinds and have dozens on display in my house" or, more intimately still, that "I own a whimsical collection of pigs".

Katie starts corresponding privately with Buck, who is something in the oil business, and John, a medical man. Soon she is having online affairs with both of them. How can I describe Katie's online affairs? Only to tell you that while you are having one, you can only type with one hand.

Every so often Katie swaps a confiding message with other members who are being beaten by their real-life spouses or having weight problems.

■ E-MAIL://a. love. story.//
By Stephanie D. Fletcher
Headline, £5.99
ISBN 0 7472 5534 2

In the end, Katie's husband finds out what is happening and she stops doing it. End of story. As plot-lines go, I have seen Rupert the Bear comic strips with more twists.

Thus do we discover the disturbing world of sex on the Internet, a shady and dysfunctional place where prim women describe the sexual act as if it were a new form of flower arrangement and otherwise normal men describe wanton acts of auto-eroticism with all the punctuation in the right place. A tedious, plonking world where irony is displayed not in a participant's choice of words but by writing :-) for "grin" at the end of a sentence and where the major emotions are described as if by a writer of the cheaper sort of condolence card.

Sadly, it is a pretty accurate rendition of the prose style of the average Internet conversation and is yet another reason why you should have no fear about allowing your children to go online.

JOHN DIAMOND

CRIME ROUND-UP

Abuse of the truth

■ CAST THE FIRST STONE
By Jane Adams
Macmillan, £15.99
ISBN 0 333 64425 5

ANGRY locals regularly gather to throw stones and shout abuse at the house in a quiet Norfolk close where Eric Pearson has brought his wife and six children. Rumours have spread about his perverted past; he denies them, and waits to reveal all when the appeal of a convicted child abuser reaches court.

A few houses away, Ellie Masouk, soon to give birth, watches the increasing violence with a particular, awful reason to be anxious and distressed. At the same time, not far away, a teenage boy undergoes a horrifying assault.

The strands unite shockingly as Detective Inspector Mike Croft uncovers a series of disturbing truths. *Cast the First Stone* is a quiet, touching work of great impact. Jane Adams subtly evokes an outwardly respectable society harbouring appalling secrets: and it is always the children who are the most vulnerable.

Adams's debut last year, *The Greenway* hinted at a promising crime-writing talent; *Cast the First Stone* amply confirms that view.

■ A TIMELY DEATH
By Janet Neel
Constable, £15.99
ISBN 0 09 476080 2

IT HAS been three years since Janet Neel's last book: happily the gap has not blunted her skills. In *A Timely Death*, a crooked time-share salesman is found hanging, wearing women's underwear. The suspects include a son with a heavy drug habit, another son with a penchant for beating up his women, a much younger second wife (what is more, a foreigner), a dodgy business partner and a sleazy, greedy MP. Is the killing personal, or connected to the layers of fraud underlying the deceased's business?

Francesca Wilson, the DTI investigator heroine of Neel's previous novels, is drawn in through her voluntary work at a battered women's refuge. Her dourish husband, Chief Superintendent John McLeish, is in charge of official inquiries. Between the two of them, though not without strain to their marriage, they confront the emotional and economic undercurrents of the crime.

As usual, Neel's mix of lively financial skullduggery and superior characterisation results in top-class excitement.

■ FULL PERSONAL SERVICE
By Charles Spencer
Gollancz, £16.99
ISBN 0 575 06293 2

THE title *Full Personal Service* refers to one of the options available to clients of a brothel which, for the best possible motives, journalist Will Benson — having quit *Theatre World* for a far higher-paying job inventing the letters pages for the soft-porn mag *Luv Bytes* — is compelled to visit. The kind lady who had ministered to him is later attacked and detongued, leaving him with a tape containing customers' names, every one of them the possible malefactor.

The scruffy, chubby, disorganised Benson is a shrewd and amiable operator, the writing is from the self-deprecatingly witty school, and the book is altogether highly entertaining.

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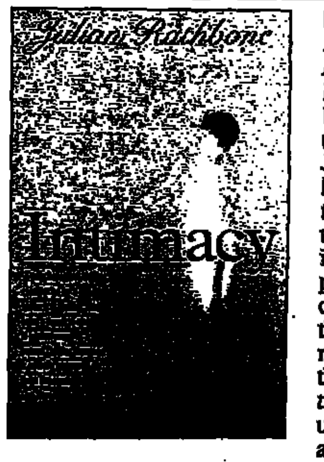
NEW PAPERBACKS

NEWSFOCUS

Eschews introspection: Margaret Thatcher (1981)

■ MARGARET THATCHER:
The Path to Power
HarperCollins, £9.99
ISBN 0 00 688 753 5

AS THE memoirs of a British Prime Minister, *The Path to Power* could not have failed to be an important, if not impressive *document*. Recounting her Grantham childhood, *her years at Oxford*, and rise through the *ranks until her election* victory as Conservative leader *in 1979, they form a prequel* to the already-published *Downing Street Years*. Certainly, Thatcher provides an enormous wealth of detail here to keep political historians busy, particularly regarding her unease in the Heath cabinet, and the Conservative rethink that occupied her years as opposition leader. No real surprises here, but there are now and then a number of unexpected turns: the reading *lists*, for instance, that she describes *as shaping her political development, or* (more quirkily) *the tone of near compassion* in relating the fall of Heath (always *"Ted", only once* "Edward"), a good word for *Michael Foot, a flash* of generosity towards Attlee. *The second section* off the book — part analysis, part manifesto — takes up the story after leaving Downing Street, and lays out the 1990s Thatcherite line on European Union, foreign policy, economic policy and international relations. Uncannily for a memoir, *The Path To Power* maintains throughout a guarded, distantly analytical tone. Any search for personal revelation or insight here is in vain. This is the memoir of somebody who eschews introspection.



■ INTIMACY
By Julian Rathbone
Indigo, £5.99
ISBN 0 575 400 19 6

THE Villa Melchor in Andalusia is laden with memories. The home of the last castrato singer Querubino, it is heavy, not only with the scents and sounds of southern Spain (wonderfully and sensuously described) but also *with a mysterious sexuality* which could be real or fantasy. Querubino, now in his eighties, dreams of a *sexual relationship with his* mother: Petra, his pupil, remembers *seducing* her father and finds herself now in *love with Marie-Elena*. But this novel's subtle exploration of sexual identity is expressed through powerful details of food, music and natural beauty. The result can be confusing but is always evocative.

■ IDLEWILD
By Mark Lawson
Picador, £5.99
ISBN 0 330.344 50 1

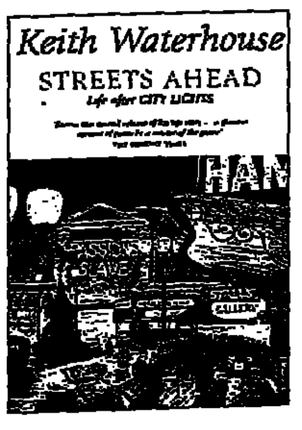
LEE HARVEY OSWALD (or whoever) failed to kill JFK. Marilyn failed to kill herself. Can we imagine them elderly — it is quite a thought. This satire takes us into the private lives of presidents, special agents, cops, and film-stars on the thirtieth anniversary of that near-miss at Dallas. Will there be another assassina*tion? What is the biographer* up to? Watch for the thrills *and spills in this novel*, which plays games with both pen and bullet.

■ *SKINNED ALIVE*
By Edmund White
Picador, £6.99
ISBN 0 330 334 10 7

WHITE seems to run the whole gamut of gay experience in this collection of sophisticated, emotionally complex *stories*, many of them haunted by the shadow of Aids. A gay teenager wrestles with his urges on a tough-guy canoeing trip; an *American writer in Paris* falls in love with an aristocratic *sadist*; a *middle-aged* New Yorker, mourning his partner *who has died of* Aids, finds consolation with a simple Greek boy; a once-promiscuous American loses *his fastidious German lover* when he discovers he is HIV positive. Fluent, startling and candid tales.

■ THE CHRISTENING, By Denise Neuhaus
Faber, £6.99, ISBN 0 571 174 67 1

THIRTY years and more of Cold War history are brought to vivid life in this absorbing *story* of an Estonian family caught *in the* Crossfire. Teenage Piret loses her baby to a cousin who emigrates to Sweden. Taking refuge in the abstractions of Marxist economic theory, Piret finds herself and her extended family used to discredit a dissident professor. *Denise Neuhaus reveals* the history of her characters with clarity, endowing her narrative with precise imaginative *insight into ordinary* lives on both sides of the political borderland. A chilling theme but an enchanting novel.



STREETS AHEAD
By Keith Waterhouse
Sceptre, £6.99
ISBN 0 340 649 09 7

THIS *entertaining*, colourful second volume of memoirs *brings us up to date*. Never coyly modest, Waterhouse *surveys* the *on-going phenomenal* success of *Jeffery Bernard Is Unwell* and his guide to tabloidese. But real fun is in his vivid *portrait of* London in the Fifties and *Sixties. We see him as* a flailing new hack in eccentric old Fleet Street then, *as the*, hit author of *Billy Liar*; trawling the pubs *and* clubs of seedy, starry Soho. This is not a delving confessional but is full of fantastic anecdotes, memorably including Peter O'Toole reeling onto stage and throwing up in character.

■ ANAÏS NIN
By Deirdre Blair
Bloomsbury £9.99
ISBN 0 7475 254 2 0

ANAIS NIN was an enigmatic figure living many lives as many different people. Desperate to succeed *as a novelist* but captivated by diary writing, Nin was perpetually caught between the lure of *different* worlds and conflicting desires. Blair, who has written biographies of Simone de Beauvoir and Samuel Beckett, weaves a fascinating tale of a woman balancing on a "trapeze" between truth and fiction in the versions of her life that *she portrays in her* diaries and in her complex web of relationships, two husbands, and a search for a happiness which, one feels, almost eludued her.

Contributors: Adam Schwartzman, Lucy Lethbridge, Alison Burns, Nicki Household, Kate Bassett, Amanda Loose.

The king Rat's tardy tale

Martin Bell on the unpunctual memoirs of a Gulf War general

THE PRINCIPAL qualities of a British cavalry officer — of which charm and guile are the ones they attribute to themselves — do not usually include punctuality. Even so, Patrick Cordingley is spectacularly late on parade with his memoir of the Gulf War. It was a short war with a long preamble, which he himself helped to bring to a successful conclusion more than five years ago.

As commander of the 7th Armoured Brigade, heirs of the Desert Rats, he led British tanks in action for the first time in two generations. It was, *to his great relief*, very much less than the promised Mother of all Battles; rather, it was a 100-hour dash across *the desert, and a live fire* exercise with Iraqi extras *surrendering by the thousand*. His record of it, which is lively and personal and well-remembered, will interest many others besides the soldiers who served under him.

It suffers, as do all books by serving soldiers, from the censorship or pre-emptive self-censorship required by the Ministry of Defence. It follows from this that commanders must be faultless and their political directives flawless. So some of the subtler judgments are deeply encoded. But the passage of time has allowed *more frankness than would* have been possible in a more *immediate account*.

In an Army that tends to promote managers rather than leaders, Cordingley was, and is, an old-fashioned leader, and not afraid to question the wisdom of his superiors. Under the original battle plan, his brigade would have gone to war alongside the US Marines in a frontal, if diversionary, attack on the Iraqis in Kuwait City. He warmed to the Marines and they to him; and when he assured them in the distinctive upper-class *tones* of a British cavalry officer that "the Desert Rats will not let you down", he seemed the ultimate general from Central Casting. So the change of plan, when his *tanks* and armoured infantry were switched to the US Army's VII Corps further west, was not a popular move. *"Politically," he writes*, "we would have gained most glory *if we had been involved in the* liberation of Kuwait City *itself*."

Typically for a soldier, he frets too much about the press. "I worry now," he says, "as I *did then about the effects of* the media on modern warfare." But as one of the scribes-in-uniform who served under him, I remember that the military exercised total control. The censorship was so strict that we were not allowed even to write about the work of army chaplains. (I was reduced to describing them as welfare officers.)

Yet the general was actually *protected by his closeness to* the press. He recalls President *Bush's visit to the troops in the* desert on the day of Mrs *Thatcher's resignation. When* Kate Adie asked for his reac*tion, he spoke candidly* about his admiration for the Prime Minister and his sadness at her going — remarks which, if broadcast, might well have cost him his job. Adie lost the tape and warned him to be *more* careful. Others might not have done that. He was lucky that day that the pool reporter was someone so supportive of the military.

■ IN THE EYE OF THE STORM
By Major General Patrick Cordingley
Hodder & Stoughton, £18.99
ISBN 0 340 68245 0

There was less to James Dean's life than meets the eye

WARNER BROS

Too young to die: James Dean — but could his reputation have survived a long career?

Rebel without a past

JAMES DEAN lived just 24 years before dying at the wheel of his Porsche Spyder. It was, as the old joke goes, a perfect career move. His death embalmed him as America's first bolshie teenager, the archetypal anguished adolescent, the rebel without a cause. All those young dudes who followed — River Phoenix, Kurt Cobain, Sid Vicious — died in the long shadow of Jimmy Dean.

Few *movie* lives have left such a bold mark in so little time. The Dean myth is founded *upon just three films and scraps of television* work, which sets the biographer a dilemma. *With such a brief life to explore, the making of* the image becomes all important.

The construction of *James Dean* begins with Dean the child. Spoto rakes over the ground here and comes up with little of interest. Most children, after all, lead humdrum lives. He became the King of the Wannabes. Few young actors have so yearned to be a star. And not just any star. He had Marlon Brando and Montgomery Clift in mind. The breakthrough came when his erratic offscreen life and hatred of his father were brilliantly harnessed by Elia Kazan (*East of Eden*), Nicholas Ray (*Rebel Without a Cause*) and George Stevens (*Giant*).

■ REBEL: The Life and Legend of James Dean
By Donald Spoto
HarperCollins, £18
ISBN 0 00 255687 1

Then came violent death and the varnishing of the Dean legend: posthumous revelations about his homosexuality and masochism added spice to his troubled on-screen persona.

All this is familiar, which leaves *Spoto* scrabbling around proving negatives. Yes, *Dean was gay. Yes, he lived with an older man.* But there is no hard evidence that he was a *hustler. Nor that he was the "Human Ashtray"* of some lurid biographies. So, Spoto concludes, *Dean* was less interesting than we thought — hardly a popular message.

Dean was a chimera whose reputation might not have survived a long career. (Alas, poor Brando; imagine if he had died after *The Wild One*.) Trying to get at "the truth" about such an elusive character strikes at the heart of biography. No biographer can really know his subject; the reader here is left wondering whether Spoto understood Dean at all.

NICHOLAS WAPSHOTT

Suburban gaze that chills to the bone

■THE MASTERPIECES OF SHIRLEY JACKSON
Introduced by Donna Tartt
Raven Books, £7.99p
ISBN 1 85487 437 3

MEET Mrs Walpole. "Mrs Walpole, with an eye on the clock and the other on the kitchen window past which the school bus would come in a matter of minutes, felt the unreasonable irritation that comes with being late on a school morning."

Meet Mrs Wilson. "Mrs Wilson was just taking the gingerbread out of the oven when she heard Johnny outside, talking to someone."

Meet the two Mrs Winnings and their new neighbour, Mrs MacLane. Everyday people with ordinary — not to say dull — lives: what could possibly be of interest here?

But these are surely Shirley Jackson's people, and *the sunny surface* of her suburban world hides a terrible darkness at its heart.

Jackson, who died in 1965, shocked contented, postwar America when her *story, The Lottery*, was published in the *New Yorker* in 1949. *This tale* about a traditional small-town *festival* — it would be a shame to tell you more — provoked a rash of cancelled subscriptions and outraged letters and it still has the power to appal.

Jackson's gift is her ability to create a precise, familiar world that lulls the reader into acceptance: her denouements are horrifying not because they are weirdly supernatural or repulsively gory but because the reader's sympathy turns the horror inward upon herself.

This is particularly true of stories such as *After You, My Dear Alphonse* and *Flower Garden*, in which a bitter, unspoken racism is the demon delineated. It is perfectly fitting that the epilogue to these tales is the *Child Ballot, the Daemon Lover*, in which the face of happiness is revealed as a devilish mask.

The two novels collected in this volume, *The Haunting of Hill House* and *We Have Always Lived in the Castle*, have a more supernatural ring than her stories: it is no wonder that Stephen King is an admirer. Her characters are bleakly, blackly defined: "Eleanor Vance was 32 years *old when she came to Hill* House. The only person in the *world she genuinely hated*, now that her mother was dead, was her sister."

This collection will introduce *British* readers to the very particular spinal shiver of this American writer's tales: keep your nightlight burning if you read it in bed.

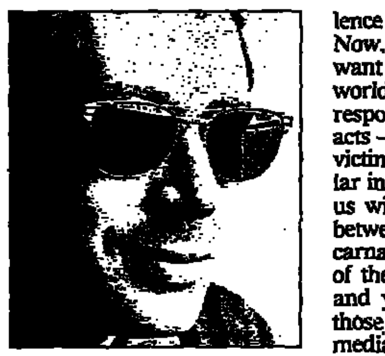
ERICA WAGNER

You can't have your popcorn and eat it, Ben

ON THE night that cult Los Angeles movie director Bruce Delamitri returns home from winning an Oscar for his gratuitously violent high-art movie *Ordinary Americans*, he finds a pair of real-life psychopaths in his living room. The "Mall Murderers", Wayne Hudson and his pretty waif-like girlfriend Scout, have seen every one of Delamitri's movies countless times. They have also casually murdered about 50 people between them, sometimes just for kicks. Killing makes Wayne horny, and Scout adores the way he terrifies their chance-encountered targets with *his tough talk and his guns*.

Ben Elton's new novel *Popcorn, his fourth*, is a parable of our contemporary media-dominated society. Like his stand-up television comedy routines, it *satirises* the self-regarding, manipulative, vain and greedy world of minor celebrities, their conveniently flexible principles and values, and the troubling control they appear to hold over the way we all conduct our lives. Any resemblance between *Popcorn* and Oliver Stone's *Natural Born Killers*, between Delamitri and Tarantino, is entirely deliberate. This is a pop *novel* with a corny plot because Elton's target is the *tawdry claims to high* seriousness and art status made by Hollywood directors to justify graphic scenes of bullets smashing into human flesh, and guts all over our screens.

■ POPCORN
By Ben Elton
Simon & Schuster, £12.99
ISBN 0 684 81612 1



Elton: pop novel, corny plot

Wayne and Scout know that the crucial question under debate is whether screen violence has influenced them. *Now, to save their skins*, they want Delamitri to tell the world that they were not responsible for their appalling acts — *that they were helpless* victims of a multimillion-dollar industry. And Elton teases us with an impossible choice between laying blame for the carnage he depicts at the feet of the chillingly clear-headed and yet lunatic killers or at those of the lying and cheating media celebrities.

The trouble is that Elton's story, with its double narration of unspeakable violence — once for real, and once replayed in a sickeningly precise screenplay version — mimics the very forms the author claims to despise. *Popcorn* is itself pulp fiction — stuffed with salacious sex and loving*ly described acts* of brutality. Elton seems to suggest that in *Popcorn* these incidents are made ironic and postmodern. But isn't that precisely what Kubrick, Stone and Tarantino told us about their movies?

LISA JARDINE

TEENAGE FICTION

White-knuckle read

ANYONE planning to take one of those stomach-churning rides at a theme park should read Helen Dunmore's dramatic thriller, **Fatal Error** (Corgi, £3.50, ISBN 0 440 86345 7), after their trip, rather than before. Living with the Damianos, designers of computer-driven rides, Nicky has more than her fair share of thrills. She can inspect a jungle of stairs from the powerful Space Ranger whenever she is not too busy selling tickets. But computer whizzes such as the Damianos apparently have their rivals and, when competitors turn to sabotage, Nicky finds herself whirling endlessly in simulated space while rapidly running out of air.

Having recently won the new Orange prize for Women's Fiction, Helen Dunmore has done an impressive switch *into the mind and dialogue* of an adolescent girl. If there were an *award for transfixing*, tumultuous excitement, this would be a winner.

Awards can be a useful resource when picking and choosing between the 6,000 or so books published every year for young readers, but the WH Smith Mind-Boggling Books Award is a strange affair. Designed to help "make reading fun" with the shortlist apparently chosen by schoolchildren, the snag is that however acute the young judges, the paperbacks put into their hands inevitably raise questions.

Dunmore: transfixing

Why, for instance were two books chosen, including the acquired-taste winner, **Walk Two Moons** by Sharon Creech (Macmillan, £3.99, ISBN 0 220 22000 4), written by Americans? And why select **Griffin's Castle** by Jenny Nimmo (Mammoth, £3.50, ISBN 0 7497 2602 4), which, however magical, was first published a mind-boggling 32 years ago? The answer, which *seems to be that all have* previously won other awards, hardly makes them the best books of 1996.

MAUREEN OWEN

Who we did on our holidays

AS MOST people have found out at some time, holidays can seriously damage your emotional health. Cut loose from the routines of *household* maintenance and office drudgery, holidaymakers have the dubious pleasure of time on their hands, time that can be used to ruminate poisonously on the disintegrations of a marriage or the shortcomings of growing children.

Ann Oakley, who has a sound literary reputation for the tart examination of domestic frailty — she is the author of *The Men's Room* and *Matilda's Mistake*, both of which make *no* bones about the precarious nature of commitment — turns her attention here to the havoc wreaked by blue skies, cheap booze and unfamiliar bodies squeezed into bikinis.

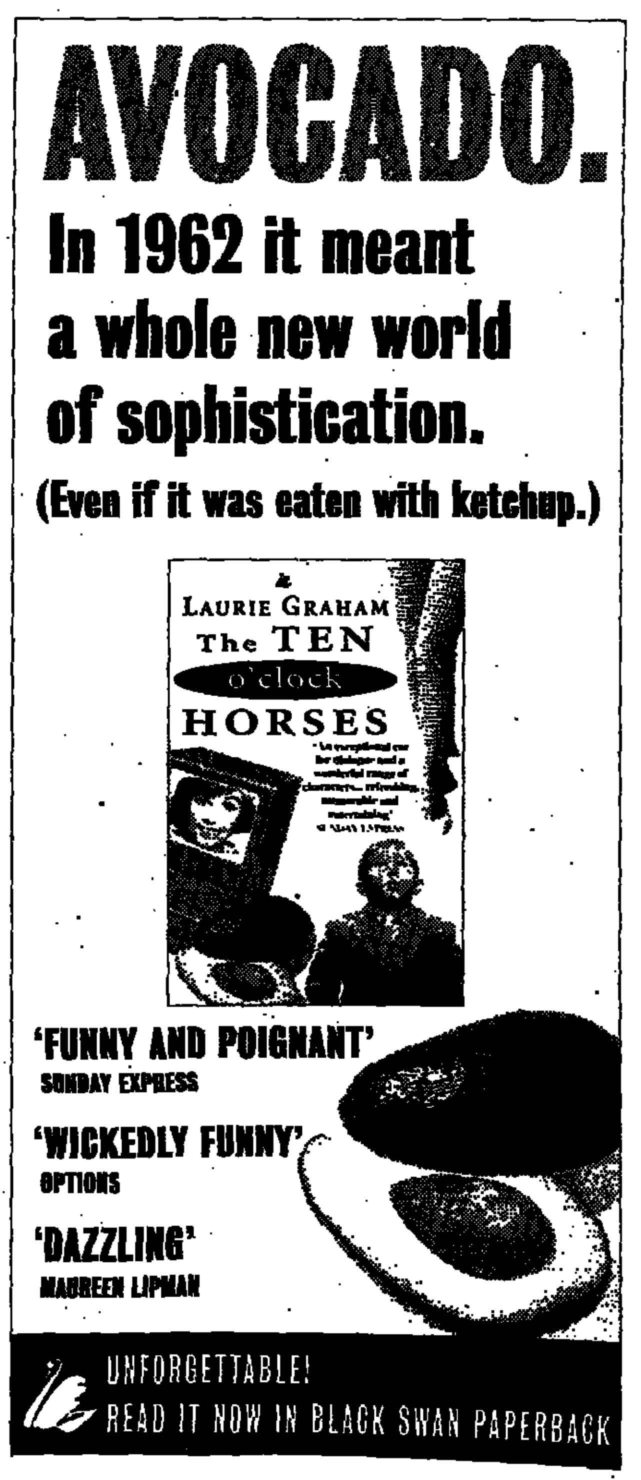
Assembled at the Hotel Rhapsody Palas in Karput in Turkey in the blazing summer of 1992, courtesy of a package tour operated by Proper Holidays, is a group of men, women and children, of whom many have an urge to shed their inhibitions along with *their travelling* clothes.

Crispin Delancey and his wife *Dodo* are *former* flower children, although the years, and parenthood, have brought them to membership of the mortgaged salariat. Their teenage daughters, Star and Jade, are going through that Doc Martens/purple hair stage that parents find so unendearing. The children of Derrick and Lisa Upton and Sandy and Martin Holbeach similarly look like trouble; while Aaron Shaw, the son of a single mother, Meg, is the sort of teenager — polite, studious and interested in archaeology — of whom adults approve.

■ *A PROPER HOLIDAY*
By Ann Oakley
Flamingo, £5.99
ISBN 0 00 65014 2

While the rebellious young tangle dangerously with drugs, drink and the local talent, their parents become more threateningly entwined in extramarital liaisons. Oakley describes with brisk gusto the sheer exhaustion of marriage; the grudging sex and unconscious but cruel lack of mutual concern. Yet, by the end, wandering spouses have realised that holiday romances, like shells, do not look so pretty once you take them home. *A Proper Holiday* makes you think a little and *smile a lot, which* qualifies it for proper holiday reading.

PENNY PERRICK



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GOING OUT

CHILDREN

■ **LONDON**
Big Friendly Giant
Fun workshops for eight to 14-year-olds running throughout summer based on Roald Dahl's famous story.
Rosemary Branch Theatre,
Shepperton Road, N1 (0171-704 6665). Today, tomorrow, 10.30am-12.30pm (ages 12-14), 2pm-4pm (ages 8-11): £1.

The Family Activity Cart
Three to 12-year-olds are invited to participate in a range of activities.
Victoria and Albert Museum,
Cromwell Road, SW7 (0171-938 8500). Today, tomorrow, 10.30am-5pm, ends Aug 11; free.

Kids Universe
Summer event for all children including puppet magic, face-painting, costumed animals, free sweets and balloons.
Selfridges (First Floor),
Oxford Street, W1 (0171-629 1234). Today, midday-6pm; phone for details.

Poems to Read to Your Parents
Seven-year-olds and above are invited to join in and watch a fun-packed event including poetry readings, music and dance.
Battersea Arts Centre,
Lavender Hill, SW11 (0171-223 2223). Tomorrow, 2.30pm; £3, parents concs £2.50.

DENZIL MCNEELANCE

London. Kids Universe: the magic of face-painting is just one of the many treats in store today at Selfridges in Oxford Street

■ **REGIONAL**

BELFAST
The Portrush Flyer
Steam train excursion devised for youngsters and parents alike journeying from Belfast to Portrush seaside.
Belfast Central Railway Station,
(01960 353 567). Today, departs Belfast 9.05am, arrives Portrush midday; departs Portrush 4.45pm, arrives Belfast 7.30pm; £15, concs £9 (booking: 01960 344 566 or fax 01960 350 350).

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
Featuring Kate O'Mara as the evil queen, plus songs, jokes, and plenty of magic.
Grand Opera House,
Great Victoria Street (01232 241 919). Tonight, 7pm, mat, 2.30pm; £5-£10, family conc available.

CRAIGAVON
Eel Fest
Focusing on the slippery sea snake with fisherfolk tales, refreshments, together with a range of activities in this marine adventure.
Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, Oxford Island,
(01762 322 205). Today, 2pm-7pm; prices vary, phone for details.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
Gallery
Specially devised for the under fives, including art, toys and games.
Laing Art Gallery,
Higham Place (0191-232 7734). Today, 10am-5pm, tomorrow, 2pm-5pm; free.

Science Factory
Science centre for children including interactive learning facilities.
Discovery Museum,
Blandford Square (0191-232 6789). Today, 10am-5pm; free.

SALFORD
Summer Fun in Salford
Outdoor fun for children of all ages including sporting events, play scheme and a reading quest.
Summer in Salford Information,
various venues (0161-736 9448). Today, tomorrow, times vary, phone for details; free.

WICKLOW
Wicklow Town Guinness Regatta Festival
Family festival with a special focus today on events for children, activities include a magic show and open-air treasure hunt.
Town Centre and Riverside,
(00353 404 68117). Today, 10am-9pm; free, tomorrow, festival for the family continues, phone for details.

JAZZ

■ **LONDON**
Jam Session #4
All-star Acid Jazz jam featuring Hammond wizard James Taylor, soul diva Dee C. Lee, Brand New Heavies guitarist Simon Bartholomew, Mother Earth bassist Neil Corcoran.
Jazz Cafe,
Parkway, NW1 (0171-344 0044). Tomorrow, 7pm; £8.

Lee Konitz Quintet
Chicago-born titan of bebop, whose cerebral alto styles have graced Gerry Mulligan, Stan Kenton, Miles Davis and Chet Baker recordings.
The Rhythmic,
Chapel Market, N1 (0171-713 5859). Tonight, 8pm; £10.

Byron Wallen/Duncan Mackay and the Vortex Quartet
Streetwise fusion trumpeter Wallen and mainstream Brit-jazzer Mackay open the Vortex Trumpet Festival, with John Paricelli and Huw Warren's house band.
Vortex,
Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 (0171-254 6516). Tonight, 8pm; £7.50.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

MOSE ALLISON
A musician's musician. Mose Allison is the subject of a new tribute album by Van Morrison, out next month (September 16). In the meantime, the Mississippi-born singer-songwriter unfurls his idiosyncratic songs and equally off-beat piano solos in his residency at the newly refurbished and re-named Pizza Express Jazz Club.

CLIVE DAVIS

Pizza Express,
Dean Street, London W1 (0171-439 8722). Tonight, from 9pm.

London, Jazz Cafe: jam session featuring soul diva Dee C. Lee

■ **REGIONAL**

GLASGOW
Craig McMurdo and the Swing Kings
Lounge lizard plays Sinatra, Bacharach and Louis Prima.
Bourbon Street,
George Street (0141-552 0141). Tonight, 9pm; free.

HULL
International Jazz Festival
Featuring trumpeter Guy Barker's International Quintet (5pm), plus streetwise American tenorist Jean Toussaint who features trumpeter Byron Wallen and guitarist Tony Remy (8pm).
Royal Hotel,
Ferensway (01482 226 655). Tomorrow, £7; £5, concs £3 for 8pm concert only.

OXFORD
Jon Corbett/Steven Done; Peter McPhail/Tony Moore
Improvised music duets for trumpet and guitar, plus a sax and cello pairing.
Holywell Music Room,
Holywell Street (01865 261 384). Tomorrow, 8.30pm; £5.

POP

■ **LONDON**
Atilla the Stockbroker's Barnstormer
Post-punk performance poet's medieval pet project.
The Weavers,
Newington Green Road, N1 (0171-226 6911). Tonight, 8.30pm; £5.

The Big Five, Forget the Down
Ska revival supergroup featuring former Belle Stars, Bad Manners and more.
Mean Fiddler,
Harlesden High Street, NW10 (0181-961 5490). Tonight, 8pm; £6.

The Eagles, Kenny Wayne Shepherd
Adult-orientated rock giants of the 1970s, with crowd-pleasing line-up.
Wembley Stadium,
Empire Way, HA9 (0181-900 1234). Today, 4pm; £25-£30.

Otis Grand
Hammond organ and brass section for the blues guitarist's current show.
Half Moon,
Lower Richmond Road, SW15 (0181-780 9383). Tonight, 8.30pm; £5.

Loch Lomond: Oasis

Number One Cup, Bawl
Fizzy college rock from Chicago-based band.
The Garage,
Highbury Corner, N5 (0171-607 1818). Tonight, 8pm; admission £5.

John Otway
Rock 'n' roll's self-proclaimed greatest failure still has enough energy to wake up new audiences.
Half Moon,
Lower Richmond Road, SW15 (0181-780 9383). Tomorrow, 8.30pm; £5.

Mikey Spice, Marcia Griffiths, Phyllis Dillon, Cornel Campbell
Jamaica's 34th Year of Independence celebrations reggae show.
The Forum,
Highgate Road, NW5 (0171-344 0044). Tomorrow, 7pm; £17.50.

■ **REGIONAL**

ASHFORD
Jools Holland and His Rhythm and Blues Orchestra
Boogie-woogie's highest profile enthusiast with his 15-piece R & B troupe.
South Park, Stour Centre,
(01323 611 204). Tonight; £12.50.

BASILDON
Smalltown Heroes
From the large town of Sunderland, promoting their new album, *Human Soup.*
Towngate Theatre,
Pagel Mead (01268 531 343). Tonight, 8pm; £3.50.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

DODGY
Their new single, *Good Enough*, sounds like Squeeze on uppers. But whether Dodgy's hyperactive pop sound gets under your skin or on your nerves, the trio from London certainly has a way of making things happen. This summer they will be coming to a park near you with their travelling "Big Top" show, complete with various guest bands and added attractions including tightrope walkers, acrobats, jugglers and performers on stilts. Remarkably, the group plays Tuzla (Aug 9) and Sarajevo (Aug 10) in Bosnia as part of Artists Convoy for a United Bosnia, but you can catch up with the fun closer to home this weekend, at Derby and Oldham.

DAVID SINCLAIR

***Markeaton Park* (in the Big Top with the Candyskins),**
Derby (01332 255 800). Tonight, 7.30pm; £11.50.
***Werneth Park* (outdoors with Audioweb — no tent),**
Oldham (0161-911 4072). Tomorrow, noon-7pm, free.

EDINBURGH
The Eagles, Kenny Wayne Shepherd
See London.
Murrayfield Stadium,
(0131-557 6969). Tomorrow, 5pm; £28.50.

LOCH LOMOND
Oasis
One of the Summer's biggest concerts, the Gallagher Brit-rock juggernaut rumbles on.
Balloch Castle,
(0800 614 595). Today, tomorrow, midday; phone for availability.

RUSHTON
Sundaze Festival
Rock festival with Scrap Iron Scientists, Crazyhead, Stranger Tractors, Draw, Konnfusion, Heliotrope and Babyface.
Rushton Hall,
(01536 710 002). Tomorrow, midday; £6.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES
Stockton Riverside Festival
TiP, the Rye, Windjammer, the Haoles, Caravanserai (today), Fun-Da-Mental, Sally Nyolo, Akwaaba People, Sonora La Calle (tonight). Blues in the Afternoon (tomorrow afternoon). Pichi Valdes, Edward II, Rock Salt and Nails, Voice of the North (tomorrow evening).
Riverside Festival, Music Main Stage,
Trinity Church Grounds (01642 611 625). Today, midday and 7pm; tomorrow, midday and 5.30pm; free.

SUTTON
Earth Energy Music Festival
Dance All-Dayers featuring Orbital, Mad Professor, Jah Wobble, Nightmares on Wax, Spooky (today); Soul All-Dayer with LV, Mica Paris, Alison Limerick, Truce, Pauline Henry (tomorrow).
Beddington Park,
Wallington (01273 705 060). Today, tomorrow, 1pm; £17 (today), £15 (tomorrow).

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GALLERIES

■ **LONDON**
Georg Baselitz
Neo-Expressionist paintings by this German artist.
Goethe Institut,
Princes Gate, Exhibition Road, SW7 (0171-411 3400). Today, 9.30am-12.30pm; admission free.

Larry Clark
The original photographs from his film, *Kids.*
Photographers' Gallery,
Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-831 1772). Today, 11am-6pm; free.

Group Show
Work by Dan Graham, Victor Burgin, John Hilliard and Rodney Graham.
Lisson Gallery,
Lisson Street, NW1 (0171-724 2739). Today, 10am-5pm; admission free.

Inside Bankside
Contemporary work by Thomas Struth, Catherine Yass and Dennis Creffield.
South London Art Gallery,
Peckham Road, SE5 (0171-703 6120). Today, tomorrow, 2pm-6pm; free.

The Open
Open submission show featuring the work of more than 100 artists.
Whitechapel Art Gallery,
Whitechapel High Street, E1 (0171-522 7888). Today, tomorrow, 11am-5pm; free.

■ **REGIONAL**

BRADFORD
Penn on Penn
Large-scale retrospective of Irving Penn's photographs, selected by himself.
National Museum of Photography, Film and Television,
Pictureville (01274 727 488). Today, tomorrow, 10.30am-6pm; free.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

KENNETH ARMITAGE
One by one the school of exciting young sculptors who first achieved fame at the time of the Festival of Britain are turning 80, and so by definition into Grand Old Men. But somehow the description seems curiously wide of the mark when applied to Kenneth Armitage, whose eightieth birthday is being duly celebrated in Yorkshire Sculpture Park with a retrospective. Although his earliest sculptures now look "fiftyish", his latest works belong equally clearly to today. Armitage has never let himself be tied down to a formula, but followed his own imagination in his choice of subject and materials. "Fashioned in an attitude of pleasure and playfulness", his reflections on trees and men are thoroughly serious, and the greatest fun.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Bretton Hall,
West Bretton, Wakefield, West Yorks (01924 830 302). Today and tomorrow, 10am-6pm; free.

CARLISLE
Andy Goldsworthy
Collection of the artist's drawings featuring recent site-specific proposals.
Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery,
Castle Street (01228 34781). Today, 10am-5pm, tomorrow, midday-5pm; free.

EDINBURGH
George Rodger
Unmissable African Photographs from the late master of photo-journalism.
Royal Scottish Academy,
The Mound (0131-225 6671). Today, 10am-5pm, tomorrow, 2pm-5pm; £4, concs £2.50.

Edinburgh: George Rodger

NOTTINGHAM
Sokari Douglas Camp
An exhibition by the acclaimed sculptor, including eight new works.
Angel Row Gallery,
Angel Row (0115 947 6334). Opens today, 11am-6pm; admission free.

OXFORD
Scream and Scream Again
Group show exploring the use of the moving image in art practice, including work by Douglas Gordon and Sadie Benning.
Museum of Modern Art,
Pembroke Street (01865 722 733). Today, tomorrow, 11am-6pm; £2.50, concs £1.50.

CLASSICAL

■ **LONDON**
BBC Symphony Orchestra/Slatkin
A programme of American music, including John Adams's Violin Concerto (soloist Ernst Kovacic) and Copland's Organ Symphony (with Simon Preston), plus works by Ives and Ellington's *Harlem.*
Albert Hall,
Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £4-£18.

London: Leonard Slatkin

Corinthian Orchestra/Hazeldine
Mozart's *Haffner Symphony* and Copland's *Appalachian Spring.*
St James's Church,
Piccadilly, W1 (0171-437 5053). Tonight, 7.30pm.

European Union Youth Orchestra/Davis
Elgar's *Enigma Variations*, Strauss's *Don Juan* and Sibelius's Second Symphony.
Albert Hall,
Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm; £4-£23.

London Adventist Chorale/Burton
The world premiere of *Who Has Set Thy Glory*, plus spirituals by Randall Thompson and Shelton E. Kilby III.
Albert Hall,
Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tomorrow, 4pm; £8.

■ **REGIONAL**

AUDLEY END
National Symphony Orchestra
Darrell Davison conducts the "Last Night of the Proms". An all-American first half precedes an all-English second half.
Audley End House, near Saffron Walden (tickets on 0171-413 1443/344 4444). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £11-14.

CHELTENHAM
Emerald Chamber Players/Huckle
Elgar's *Serenade* and other works for strings.
Pittville Pump Room,
Albert Road (01242 227 979). Tonight, 8pm; £10-£15.

OXFORD
Oxford Company of Musicians
Featuring Schubert's String trio movement.
Holywell Music Room,
Holywell Street (01865 261 384). Tonight, 8pm; £8.

FILMS

Films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

■ **NEW RELEASES**

Blood Simple (18)
Welcome revival of the Coen brothers' debut feature. With John Getz and Francis McDormand.
Gate (0171-727 4043) *Renoir* (0171-837 8402) *Ritzy* (0171-737 2121) *Screen on the Hill* (0171-435 3366) *Virgin Haymarket* (0171-839 1527)

◆ **Flipper** (PG)
A surly teenager develops a relationship with a dolphin. Unimaginative family film, with Elijah Wood and Paul Hogan. Director, Alan Shapiro.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01426 914 098) *Plaza* (0990 888990) *UCI Whiteleys* ♿ (0990 888 990) *Virgin Fulham Road* (0171-370 2636) *Warner* ♿ (0171-437 4343)

CRITIC'S CHOICE

◆ JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH (U)
Mistreated James finds his feet in an oversize peach voyaging across the Atlantic. Excellent version of Roald Dahl's first book for children, made with the stop-motion animation technique by the team behind *The Nightmare Before Christmas.* Director, Henry Selick.

GEOFF BROWN

***Clapham Picture House* (0171-498 3323) *Gate* (0171-727 4043) *Odeons: Kensington* (01426-914 666) *Swiss Cottage* (0171-586 3057) *West End* (01426-915 574) *Phoenix* (0181-883 2233) *Ritzy* (0171-737 2121) *Screen/Baker Street* (0171-935 2772) *UCI Whiteleys* (0171-792 3332) *Virgin Chelsea* (0171-352 5096)**

La Regle du Jeu (PG)
New print of Renoir's 1939 masterpiece, a wonderful portrait of French society. With Marcel Dalio.
Riverside (0181-748 3354)

■ **CURRENT**

◆ **The Hunchback of Notre Dame** (U)
Victor Hugo meets the Disney animators. A perverse, and perversely successful, mix of the cuddly and downbeat. Directors, Gary Trousdale, Kirk Wise.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) *MGMs: Baker Street* (0171-935 9772) *Odeons: Kensington* (01426 914666) *Leicester Square* (01426-915 683) *Swiss Cottage* (01426 914 098) *Ritzy* (0171-737 2121) *UCI Whiteleys* ♿ (0990 888990) *Virgins: Chelsea* (0171-352 5096) *Fulham Road* (0171-370 2636) *Warner* ♿ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **Mission: Impossible** (PG)
Rousing set-pieces dwarf the stars, even Tom Cruise's special agent, in this enjoyable revival of the television series.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) *Empire* (0990 888 990) *MGM Trocadero* ♿ (0171-434 0031) *Odeons: Kensington* (01426 914666) *Marble Arch* (01426 914501) *Swiss Cottage* (01426 914098) *Plaza* ♿ (0990 888 990) *Ritzy* (0171-737 2121) *UCI Whiteleys* ♿ (0990 888 990) *Virgins: Chelsea* (0171-352 5096) *Fulham Road* (0171-370 2636)

◆ **Rainbow** (PG)
Perils of voyaging over the rainbow. Oddball fantasy with an ecological twist from director-star Bob Hoskins. With Jacob Tierney, Willy Lavendal.
Warner (0171-437 4343)

◆ **The Rock** (18)
Belligerent action movie set on Alcatraz, with Nicolas Cage and Sean Connery. Director, Michael Bay.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) *MGM Baker Street* (0171-935 9772) *Odeons: Kensington* (01426 914666) *Swiss Cottage* (01426 914098) *West End* (01426 915574) *UCI Whiteleys* ♿ (0990 888 990) *Virgins: Chelsea* (0171-352 5096) *Fulham Road* (0171-370 2636)

New release: *Flipper*

◆ **The Truth about Cats and Dogs** (15)
Romantic comedy about mistaken identity, with Janeane Garofalo, Uma Thurman and Ben Chaplin. Michael Lehmann directs.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) *Odeon Kensington* (01426-914 666) *Ritzy* (0171-737 2121) *Screen on Baker Street* (0171-935 2772) *UCI Whiteleys* ♿ (0990 888990) *Virgins: Fulham Road* (0171-370 2636) *Haymarket* (0171-839 1527) *Warner* (0171-437 4343)

◆ **Twister** (PG)
Cardboard characters chase tornadoes. Great special effects, but repetition softens the impact. With Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton. Director, Jan De Bont.
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GOING OUT

COMEDY

■ **LONDON**

Back 2 Back — Ian Stone and Mark Maier
Two of the best Edinburgh preview shows: "The Cheek of Ian Stone" and "Get Off with Mark Maier".
Purcell Room,
South Bank Centre, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £8, concs £6.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

SHORT BAC AND SIDES

Battersea Arts Centre is once again the place to be for the last big week of warm-ups before the Edinburgh Festival. Tonight or tomorrow you can cram in the gossipy Girls with Big Jests, Owen O'Neill remembering his childhood in Co Tyrone, and the perky lad Paul Tonkinson. Also, tonight only, the Emmy award-winning American stand-up Rich Hall. Later in the week, veteran Arnold Brown, Mark Thomas and Jeff Green, the bloke with cute sparkle.

KATE BASSETT

Battersea Arts Centre.
176 Lavender Hill, Battersea (0171-223 2223). Call for details.

Comedy Store: Best in Stand-Up
This evening's comedy line-up includes Rhona Cameron, Boothby Graffoe, Jo Caulfield and Sean Percival. Lee Hurst MCs.
Comedy Store.
Oxendon Street, SW1 (01426 914 433). Tonight, 8pm and midnight: £10.

Comedy Store Players
Television-friendly line-up with Lee Simpson, Josie Lawrence, Paul Merton, Richard Vranch, Jim Sweeney and Neil Mullarkey.

Lee Evans, the star of *Funny Bones*, indulges in further face-pulling antics at the Gielgud Theatre

Comedy Store.
Oxendon Street, SW1 (01426-914433). *Tomorrow, 8pm: £10.*

East Dulwich Tavern: Edinburgh Preview
Featuring Mark Maier's assertive "Get Off" techniques and the Wow Show with "The Trials of the Wow Show".
East Dulwich Tavern,
Lordship Lane, SE22 (0181-299 4138). Tonight, 9pm; £5, concs £4.

Gigglefest! — Edinburgh Preview Season
Adam Bloom, plus Andrew Pipe's mind candy.
The Hen and Chickens Theatre Bar,
St Paul's Road, N1 (0171-704 2001). *Tonight, 8pm, (Andrew Pipe)* 9.30pm (Andrew Bloom); £5 per performance, concs £4.

Lee Evans
Star of *Funny Bones* in further face-pulling antics.
Gielgud Theatre,
Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). *Tomorrow, 8pm; £7.50-*£17.50.

Lark in the Park
The annual chuckle time with Ha Bloody Ha under tarpaulin cover in Walpole Park.
Festival Tent at Walpole Park,
Mattock Lane, W5 (0181-566 4067). *Tonight, 8.30pm: £7, adv £6.*

■ **REGIONAL**

CHESTER
Alexander's Comedy
Les Keen, Roger Monkhouse and the Moira Stewart Brothers.
Alexander's Jazz Cafe Bar,
Rufus Court (01244 340005/313400). Tonight, 9pm: £5.

EDINBURGH
McBrier and MacKay: Nothing to Lose But Your Ankle Chains
With comic double duo *Martha McBrier and Jane* Mackay.
Christie's,
West Port, Grassmarket (0131-229 4553). Tomorrow, 8.30pm: £4, concs £3.

Hovis Presley: Poetic Off-Licence
Home-baked flavoured comedy from the would-be king.
The Stand
Dylan Moran, Jane Mackay and Reg Anderson.
The Moscow Bar,
6 South St David Street (0131-556 6375). *Presley*: tomorrow, 7.30pm: £4, concs £3; *The Stand*: tomorrow, 11pm: £5, concs £4.

MANCHESTER
Barrel of Laughs at the Frog and Bucket
Brian Higgins and Lewis Alberton share the spotlight.
The Frog and Bucket Comedy Club and Theatre,
Oldham Street (0161-236 9805). *Tomorrow, 8.30pm; phone for* ticket prices.

COMING SOON

■ **LONDON**

Sept 4-14
***A Midsummer Night's* Dream**
A Japanese production by the celebrated Ninagawa *Company*, first seen in 1995, comes to the Mermaid Theatre for 12 performances only. Box office: 0171-236 2211.

From Sept 7
Faust
Michael Bogdanov's two-part production of Goethe's epic transfers from Stratford-upon-Avon to the Pit at the Barbican. Box office: 0171-638 8891.

Sept 9-Oct 26
National Theatre
Booking for these dates now open by post only. New productions include Ben Jonson's *The Alchemist*, starring Simon Callow. Box Office, National Theatre, London SE1 9PX or phone (from Aug 19) 0171-928 2252.

From Oct :
Laughter on the 23rd Floor
Gene Wilder makes his *British stage debut in Neil* Simon's comedy at the Queen's *Theatre (box office: 0171-494* 5590). Prior to London, the production will tour to Guildford (01483 440000: Aug 12-24), Bath (01225 448844: Sept 2-7), Richmond (0181-940 0088: Sept 9-14), Norwich (01603 630000: Sept 16-21) and Brighton (01273 328488: Sept 23-28).

■ **REGIONAL**

BILLINGHAM
Aug 10-17
International Folklore Festival
Groups from Argentina, *Latvia, Poland, Togo, Spain*, Brazil and Britain at the Forum Theatre. Box office: 01642 552663.

CHELMSFORD
Aug 18
Paul Weller
Top billing in a concert that includes appearances by the Charlatans, Lightning Seeds, Shed Seven, Incognito and the Mike Flowers Pop at Hylands Park. *Box office: 0171-*287 0932/0171-344 4444.

Paul Weller tops the bill in Chelmsford on August 18

DANCE

■ **LONDON**

CRITIC'S CHOICE

ROYAL BALLET: SWAN LAKE

The end of the Royal Ballet's 1995-96 season is also the final performance by Viviana Durante, who is taking the next year off to pursue interests outside the world of dance. Her partner tonight, William Trevitt, is a last-minute replacement for an injured Bruce Sansom. The matinée performance features Miyako Yoshida and Stuart Cassidy in Anthony Dowell's overdressed production.

DEBRA CRAINE

***Royal Opera House*,**
Covent Garden, WC2 (0171-304 4000). Tonight, 2pm, 7pm; £2-£58.50.

Blitz '96: Community Spirit
Community dance group from Essex perform a range of works including commissioned pieces from *Jamie Watton and Rachel* Atfield.
Ballroom, Main Foyer, Festival Hall,
South Bank Centre, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Today, 1.15pm-2.15pm: free.

Blitz '96: Random Dance Company
Acclaimed cutting edge dance company performing clips from *Jacob's Membrane*.
Ballroom, Main Foyer, Festival Hall,
South Bank Centre, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 6pm-7pm: free.

***Blitz* '96:**
Tap Showcase
This and last year's winning performances previously seen at the acclaimed *Marjorie Davies* Star Tap Awards.
Ballroom, Main Foyer, Festival Hall,
South Bank Centre, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tomorrow, 1.30pm-2.15pm and *6.45pm-7.30pm*: free.

London: Random Dance

Jonzi D: Lyrical Fearta
Dance theatre performance focusing on British young, black males with live music and mime.
Riverside Studios,
Crisp Road, W6 (0181-741 2255). Tonight, 8pm; £8, concs £6.

■ **REGIONAL**

ABERDEEN
Saiga Ballet of Tokyo and Aberdeen Academy of Dance
Excerpts from *Pinocchio*, *The Nutcracker* and *Thumbelina* are performed in a daytime show for children by Aberdeen International Youth Festival.
Aberdeen Arts Centre,
King Street (01224 635 208). Today, 3pm: £4.50, concs £3.50, *family* £14.

LIVERPOOL
Momentary Fusion: Stung
Ethereal dance performance using spotlights *and radio mics to echo the* dancers' breathing and movement.
Bluecoat Arts Centre,
Bluecoat Chambers, School Lane (0151-709 5297). Tonight, 8pm; £6, concs £4.

OPERA

■ **LONDON**

Don Giovanni
The European Chamber Opera stages Mozart's black *comedy*.
Holland Park Theatre,
Kensington High Street, W8 (0171-602 7856). Tonight, 7.30pm, mat. 2.30pm: £20, concs £14.50.

Don Giovanni
First Act Opera stages *Mozart's black comedy*.
Chiswick House,
Burlington Lane (0181-577 6969). Tomorrow, 7pm; £10, concs £7.50.

■ **REGIONAL**

BELSAY
The Pearl Fishers
Opera Box's lavishly costumed, outdoor production of Bizet's popular work. Sung in English.
Belsay Hall,
(01661 881 636). Tomorrow, 7pm: £20, concs £16.

CONGLETON
Madame Butterfly
Clonter Opera Farm produce Puccini's classic tragic-drama.
Clonter Opera Farm,
(01260 224 514). Tonight, 7pm: £25 and £28.

LEWES
Arabella
Dietfried Bernet conducts *John Cox's production of* Strauss's and Hofmannsthal's final collaboration.
Glyndebourne Opera House,
(01273 813 813). Tomorrow, *4.15pm: £10-£110.*

CRITIC'S CHOICE

EUGENE ONEGIN

Last but one chance to catch the immortal Gennadi Rozhdestvensky conducting Graham Vick's exemplary production of Tchaikovsky's "Lyric Scenes", with Elena Prokina and Wojciech Drabowicz superb as the doomed lovers reaching out across time for "happiness that was once so near" to heart-rending effect. If you can wangle seats — always worth a last-minute try — a strategically placed hankie is *the next essential.*

RODNEY MILNES

***Glyndebourne*,**
near Lewes, East Sussex (01273 813 813). Tonight, 5.10pm; £10-£110.

THEATRE

■ **LONDON**

Hedda Gabler
A chance for London to see Alexandra Gilbreath's acclaimed performance in Stephen Unwin's production for English Touring Theatre.
Donmar Warehouse,
Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). *Tonight, 8pm;* mat. 4pm.

Murder in the Cathedral
Performed in Romanian, but to judge by Art-Inter Odeon's last production *seen here, the magnificent Richard III*, with the same *director and actor (Mihai* Maniutiu, Marcel Iures), language will be no bar to a powerful experience.
Almeida,
Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Tonight, 8pm.

Roll with the Punches
Belinda Lang, George Costigan and Paul J. Medford in an enjoyable musical woven from the songs of Randy Newman. Chris Bond directs.
Tricycle,
269 Kilburn High Rd,
NW6 (0171-328 1000). Tonight, 8pm; mat. 4pm.

Two Boys in a Bed on a Cold Winter's Night
London premiere for *James Edwin Parker's* New York success: the *dynamics of the one night* stand, directed by Julian Woolford. Described as "wickedly biting".
Arts,
Great Newport St, WC2 (0171-836 3334). Tonight, 7pm *and 9pm*.

Voyeurz
Loud, titillating and vacuous rock show, mostly about lesbians in New York.
Whitehall,
Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735). *Tonight*, 7pm and 9.15pm.

■ **REGIONAL**

CRITIC'S CHOICE

WHEN WE ARE MARRIED

Jude Kelly has come from the West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds, to direct J.B. Priestley's *classic farce about the respect*able trio who discover on their silver wedding anniversary that they were never properly married. Her production sometimes substitutes broad strokes for witty detail, but she gets hilarious performances from Leo McKern as *the most solemnly bleary of* drunks, Dora Bryan as a dim, *gossipy* char, and especially Dawn French as one of the mythical beasts of Yorkshire lore: a massive, bullying wife who sizes up her prey like an Amazonian warrior, then advances on it like a blend of sumo wrestler, Texas gunslinger and white rhino.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

***Festival Theatre*,**
Chichester (01243 781 312).
Tonight, 8pm; mat. 2.30pm.

GUILDFORD
An Old Man's Love
Clive Swift stars in Anthony Trollope's poignant and amusing tale, in which a fiftysomething bachelor falls in love with *the orphaned daughter* of his best friend. With Vilma Hollingbery.
Adapted and directed by Michael Napier Brown.
Yvonne Arnaud,
Millbrook (01483 440 000). Tonight, 8pm; mat, 2.30pm.

LIVERPOOL
Dealer's Choice
Patrick Marber directs his award-winning play in a National Theatre touring production: a savage comedy about the dreams and obsessions of compulsive gamblers.
Everyman,
Hope Street (0151-709 4776). Tonight, 8pm; mat, 4pm.

OXFORD
Hamlet
The 26-year-old Ian *Pepperell plays the* Prince in a Playhouse production, directed by John Retallack and Karl James.
Rose,
St Aldate's (01865 798 600), Tonight, 7.30pm; *mat*, 2.30pm.

London: *Hedda Gabler*

FAIRS

■ **LONDON**

Discover Dogs in London
Festival to celebrate all kinds of dogs and their *owners from the average* mutt on the street to the rare breed.
Earls Court 2,
Warwick Road, SW5 (0171-244 0950). Today, tomorrow, 10am-6pm; £7, concs £4.

Streets of London Festival
The best in street theatre, this weekend's highlights include Cirque du Birque, Butch the Ballerina and Bell and Bullock, plus free circus skills workshops (today), Wyrd Arts (tomorrow).
Streets of London Festival Information,
various venues, Canary Wharf, E14 *(information* line 01273 821 588). Today, tomorrow, times vary.

Walpole Festival Roadshows
Bonanza festival featuring stalls, sideshows and a funfair.
Walpole Park,
Mattock Lane, W5 (0181-758 5741). Today, *tomorrow*, 11.30am-6pm; free.

■ **REGIONAL**

CARDIFF
Cardiff Summer Festival 96
Street entertainment extravaganza including live bands, circus performances and comedy.
Cardiff Summer Festival Information,
(01222 871 922). Today, tomorrow, times vary; phone for details.

CASTLEREA
Castlerea International *Rose Festival*
This weekend's highlights include golf competitions and live music on the green.
Various venues,
(00353 90 720 067). Today, tomorrow, 9am-9pm; £5.

CHARLESTOWN
***The Guinness* International Summer Festival**
Including live music, dance and barbecues.
Various venues,
(00353 94 54309). Today, *tomorrow, times vary*; outdoor events free, phone for details.

GRANTHAM
Antiques and Collectors Fair
Antiques and collectables on sale from more than 30 *stands*.
Swallow Hotel,
Swingbridge Road (01476 593000). Tomorrow, 10am-5pm; phone for details.

GREYSTONES
***Greystones Summer* Festival**
Fun for the family featuring puppet performances, street theatre, busking competitions, dancing, a range of vintage cars, clowns and marching bands. Special activities devised for children include a disco, seaside *train rides and many sporting* events.
Town Centre,
(00353 1 287 7408/6074). Today, tomorrow, 10am-late; mostly free.

INNERLEITHEN
Traquair Fair
Highlights include an arts mobile, theatre, music and dance performances.
Traquair House,
(01896 830 323). Today, tomorrow, 11am-6pm; phone for details.

LEEDS
Rhythms of the City
Spectacular festival *celebrating world music*. This weekend's highlights include live music from Bassa Bassa and the Phoenix New Orleans Parade Band, plus tomorrow's Family Fun Day.
Rhythms of the City Festival,
Various venues (0113 244 2111). Today, tomorrow, midday-4pm; free.

LIVERPOOL
Summer in the City '96
Art event offering a range of activities, including live bands, art exhibitions and poetry readings.
Bluecoat Arts Centre,
Bluecoat Chambers, School Lane (0151-709 5297). Today, tomorrow, times vary; phone for details.

MANSFIELD
12th Annual Robin Hood Festival
Last two days in a week-long medieval fest offering a chance to don the green *tights and join in tomorrow's* jousting competition.
Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre and County Park,
(01623 823202). Today, tomorrow, times vary; phone for details.

NOTTINGHAM
Visions of Paradise
Last day of the national flower show.
University of Nottingham,
Conference and Sports Centre (01482 631 627). Today, times vary; phone for details.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES
Stockton Riverside International Festival
Last weekend of the street festival, finale highlights include the excellent Titanic and Circus of Horrors.
Stockton Riverside Festival Information,
Various venues (01642 611 625). Today, 11am-midnight, tomorrow, midday-*midnight: mostly free.*

STRADBALLY
National Traction Engine Rally
The Irish Steam Preservation Society's established festival.
Stradbally Hall Estate,
(00353 502 25444).
Tomorrow, 9.30am-6pm; £4, concs £1, free car parking.

Ruth Gledhill feels it is easy to attach the wrong label to church services

Benefits of a holy trinity

STEREOTYPED labels can be easily attached to many churches. In an age of increasing diversity and division, tempting definitions such as liberal, traditionalist and evangelical come all too readily to hand and no one has come up with better *alternatives. But these labels* can be inappropriate or simply wrong.

I had St Margaret's *summed up*, inappropriately as it turned out, within seconds of walking through the door. We were not unseen by worshippers deep in prayer (traditionalist) nor ignored by a congregation faintly embarrassed that someone new had walked in (liberal). *Instead*, a friendly woman stretched out her hand and, even though we were late and the vicar, *dressed in pale blue*, was speaking from the lectern, she left her seat to hand us a service *sheet*, a *"song* book" and showed us where to sit.

We then proceeded to sing a modern worship hymn through, not once but twice, repeating the last verse. This church must be evangelical. In a sense this was right, but it was also wrong. *When the* Rev John Guest, the priest-in-charge, arrived three years ago, he found himself *heading a church* that was trinitarian in more ways than one. In effect, three congregations were squeezed into one service, and few were wholly satisfied as a result.

To unite his congregation, he divided the service into three. For the traditionalists there is a 9.30am service according to the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*, to *which more than 60 people now show* up. For the middle-of-the-roaders, there *is a less formal 11am family service*, using the 1980 *Alternative Service Book*. More than 130, including children, come to that. And for the charismatic evangelicals, at 6.30pm there is an even more informal service, attracting 60 people.

Overall attendance has increased by 25 per cent during the past year. Some worshippers go to all three services, *others alternate. Most choose one*, which in itself can contain elements of all three. For the first time, I began to understand the Christian concept of the Trinity.

Notices attached to the columns indicated the subject of our intercessionary prayers — Atlanta, Bu*rundi, Argentina and two church mem*bers called Bob and Alison. Worshippers raised hands and swayed to music as our songs progressed, led by a music group with singers and clarinetist. They looked happy, but we did not clap. We sat on wooden chairs, but again this was not the trendy-vicar innovation it appeared, for the pews had been removed at the *turn of the century* and the chairs were in fact nearly 100 years old.

AT YOUR SERVICE

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PRIEST-IN-CHARGE: The Rev John Guest

ARCHITECTURE: Begun in 1184 with additions and alterations through the *centuries*. Beautiful 13th-century Purbeck marble font. ★★★★

SERMON: "Both as individuals and as a church, we must admit, confess and turn away from sin," said Janet Bacon, church member and regular preacher. ★★★★

LITURGY: Modern communion service ★★★

AFTER-SERVICE CARE: Coffee and tea served from an urn transported into church ★★★★

SPIRITUAL HIGH: From high to low and back again. ★★★

We had a *"dramatic reading" from* Joshua, the different "parts" played by two teenage boys and a woman. This concerned the ancient warrior's attempt to take the city Ai after the capture of Jericho, and his failure to do so. The surprising defeat was ascribed to the theft of gold, silver and Babylonian robe from the plunder of previous victories by an unfortunate character called Achan. As punishment he and his family were *stoned to death*.

This horrible story is rarely told in church but *at the evening service Mr* Guest was tackling the entire book of Joshua.

After intercessions by Alison Prowse, the music director, with a period of silent prayer at the end, Mr Guest presided at the Eucharist. There was further meditational silence and a closing hymn, but it was nearly 9pm before the last worshipper *left the church, many linger*ing on to pray, chat or simply have a cup of tea to bring their weekends to a close.

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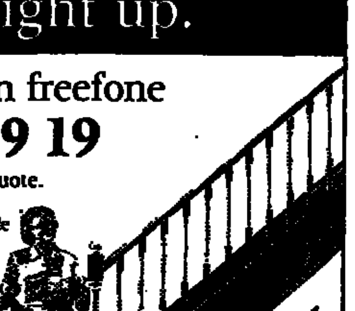

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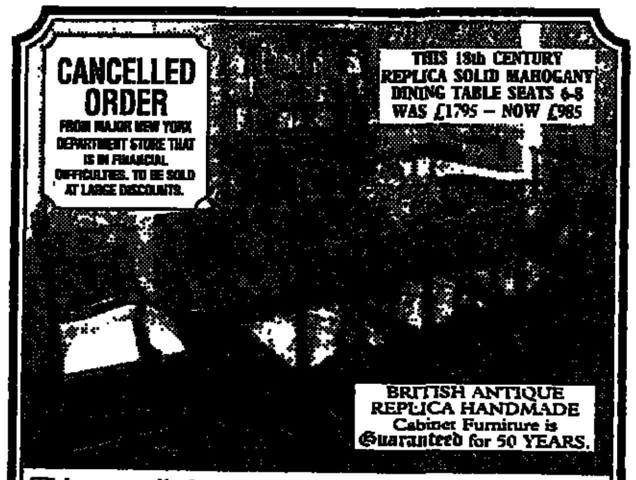

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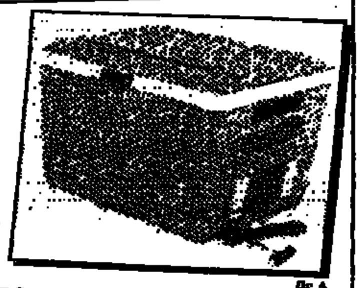

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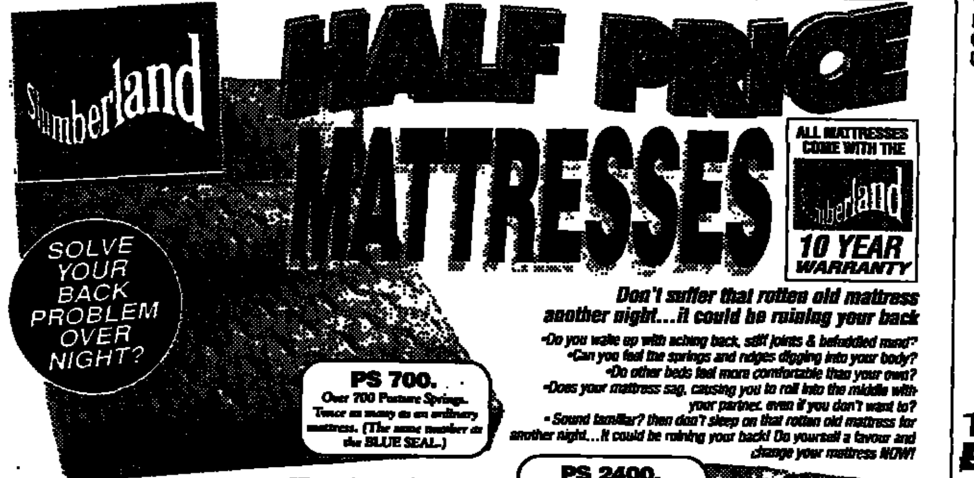
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by James P. Boyd

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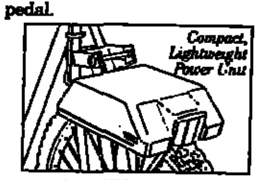

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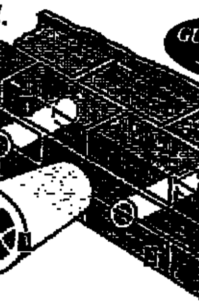

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Everything baby needs including a family tree

The birthrate boom has boosted sales of clothes and toys but presents for the new arrival needn't be boring — and don't forget the mother

In anticipation of the birth of Marie Antoinette's first child in the winter of 1778, 200 aristocratic families took up residence at Versailles to celebrate the great event. And when the King's daughter arrived (and she was only a girl), the people nonetheless celebrated by ripping up the parquet floor of the palace to make bonfires.

If only they had had Baby Gap in the *ancien régime*, they could have sent a box of cotton rompers with matching socks, sparing themselves the expense of relocation and the Queen much unwelcome housekeeping.

In the summer of 1996, we are in the grip of a baby-present boom, brought on by a jump in the birthrate following last October's Pill scare. While there is nothing wrong with the usual presents of flowers for the mother and clothing or a soft toy for the new baby, there are more enduring alternatives. You could consider something living to celebrate new life: a tree or a rose bush, for example, can cost less than a bouquet and will not wither in a week.

An apple tree, a cox's pippin perhaps, or an egremont russet if the child is red-haired, can be planted in the first year, and by the time the child can reach up to the branches, he or she will be able to pick fruit from their own tree. If the parents have a large garden, you might consider a maple, the jade-striped *Acer pensylvanicum* or *Acer griseum*, the bark of which peels to reveal a beautiful cinnamon-coloured under bark.

The symbolic oak is hard to resist, but few will have the space: it might be possible, however, to gain permission from a local council to plant a tree in an open space, where the child can visit the oak as it grows. If you make a present of a growing thing, it's a good idea to offer to plant it, since the last thing new parents need is more work.

Rather than buying a velour penguin or acrylic tiger for the newborn to ignore for two years, why not adopt the real thing on the child's behalf? You can defer the adoption until the child is old enough to appreciate the animal, when they'll be able to visit the zoo and read their name on a plaque — a thrill in itself, according to nine-year-old Peter Ditchfield of Bridgewater, Somerset, who has a part-share in a Sumatran tiger at Bristol Zoo. For the same cost (£20) his 11-year-old sister, Gemma, is adoptive parent to a prairie dog for a year.

The list of adoptable animals and birds is long and tempting: what about a parrot at the World Parrot Trust at Paradise Park, Hayle, Cornwall, or a rare butterfly? Ring the Zoo Federation for a list of the many zoos that run adoption schemes.

Many mothers say they love to receive anthologies as birth presents: they are not immediately useful but become invaluable quite soon and last in the child's imagination forever. Some of the best are *The Book of Nonsense Verse* selected and illustrated by Quentin Blake (£12.99) from Viking; *The Oxford Book of Children's Verse* (£17.95) or *Children's Stories* (£16.99) and the appropriately named *Treasury of Children's Literature* (£19.99) from Hutchinson.

If you do decide to contribute to the endless list of baby accoutrements now considered essential, you could give the ordinary in extraordinary quantity: a dozen plain white vests or two-dozen Harrington squares. Or you could opt for special versions of ordinary things: The Nursery Window in London makes lovely changing mats, bumpers, quilts, towels, and other traditional nursery accessories in beautiful fabrics.

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The most popular present for babies, The Nursery Window says, is a hooded bath towel at £16.50. The Nursery Window will deliver; ring for a catalogue. There are other companies that deliver. Baby & Co, a godsend for people who don't have time to shop, puts together high-quality hampers to be delivered anywhere in the country by the next day: The Bath Time hamper (£79.84) includes Bebejou bath, soap dish, basin and brush, and the Night Time hamper (£107.16) includes a cot blanket and wool and cotton shawls but they also do tailormade hampers.

Mini Boden, another mail-order company, makes simple, good-quality children's clothes and will deliver a gift-wrapped, batiste cotton smocked baby's nightie for £24 plus postage and packing.

What about a present for the new mother? For the first days, an excellent alternative to flowers is a basket of fresh muffins, brownies and chocolate chip cookies (from £29) from the Beverly Hills Bakery which delivers to most of the UK.

A huge bunch of 5ft sunflowers in summer or a basket of snowdrops in winter will always be welcome, but they don't last and they are unlikely to be the only flowers a mother receives. What a woman with a new baby needs is something to relieve domestic chores or to make her feel beautiful. This comes down to extreme luxury or extreme practicality in a present.

If you like the idea of offering practical help, you could send smoked salmon with champagne and a stack of ready-made Marks & Spencer meals, or engage a spring-cleaner for a few hours, relieving her of the tedium of cleaning in the early weeks; or, and this will cost nothing but time, you could send an IOU for 12 evenings' babysitting to be called in whenever the new parents desire.

A magazine subscription is a good idea: in the first year of my son's life I gained all my knowledge from a combination of *The New Yorker*, *History Today* and *Hello!*.

Luxurious presents might be anything the mother would not dream of buying herself: a case of Evian water each week for four weeks or the ever-popular Christian Dior Svelte, which claims to reduce cellulite. One mother remembers, above all other presents at the birth of her first child, the half bottle of iced vodka and dish of caviar that a friend sent to mark her return from abstinence. (According to Dr James Le Fanu, alcohol promotes lactation so mothers should be encouraged to drink when breastfeeding — but in moderation, of course.) Harrods offers a £300 beauty session which includes a body scrub, massage, top-to-toe bronzing, manicure and pedicure, and a haircut. Less extravagant friends could offer any one of these treatments and be loved for it.

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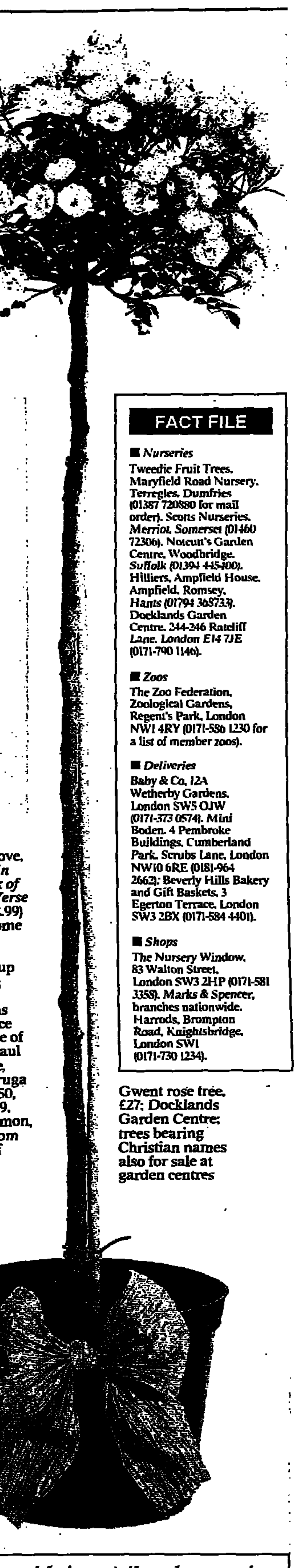

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Zoos

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Deliveries

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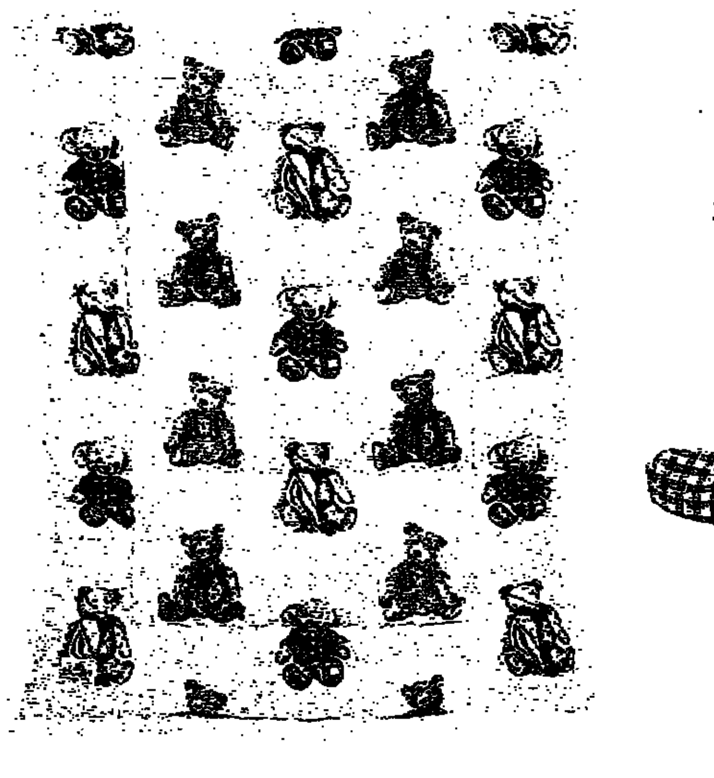
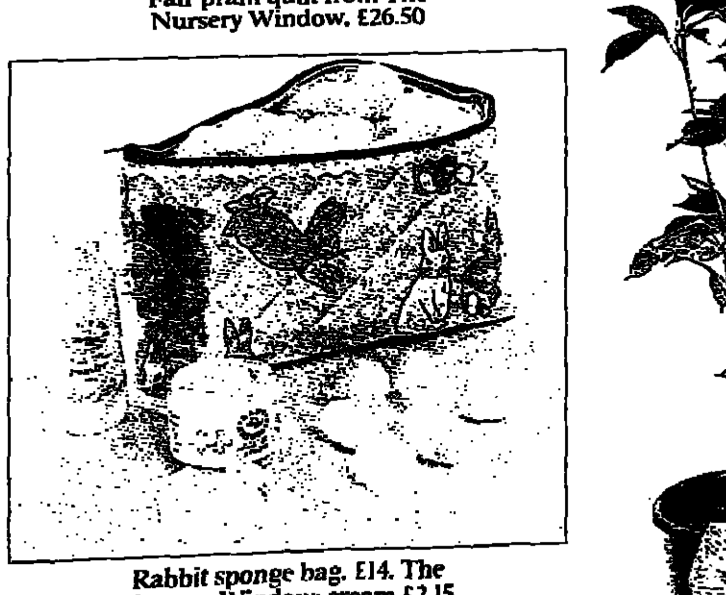


Bear cot quilt from The Nursery Window, £45

Snuggle up with the Animal Fair pram quilt from The Nursery Window, £26.50



Rabbit sponge bag, £14, The Nursery Window; cream £2.15 and powder, £2.80, Baby & Co

Right: Prunus Amagawa fruit tree, £27, from the Docklands Garden Centre

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London's treasure trove of colonial furniture has come up trumps with its mail-order service

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SHOP OF THE WEEK

The second floor houses a wonderful collection of genuine colonial furniture. When I last visited, there was a beautiful Anglo-Indian Desk Cupboard with a carved frieze (£495); a carved sofa with cane panels, seat and arms (£925), which would seat four, and a superb Anglo-Indian single divan (£425) with a cane seat and neck rest.

The *pièce de resistance*, however, is a glorious four-poster bed, with decorative panels of tiles and mirrors at head and base (£2,500). The third floor is a treasure trove of garden furniture and home accessories — the Gothic metal chair with a cushion is £122. Also look at old-fashioned leather suitcases in natural leather (large £165) and fabulous carved frames (from £69) for paintings or mirrors.

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STEPHANIE LEWIS

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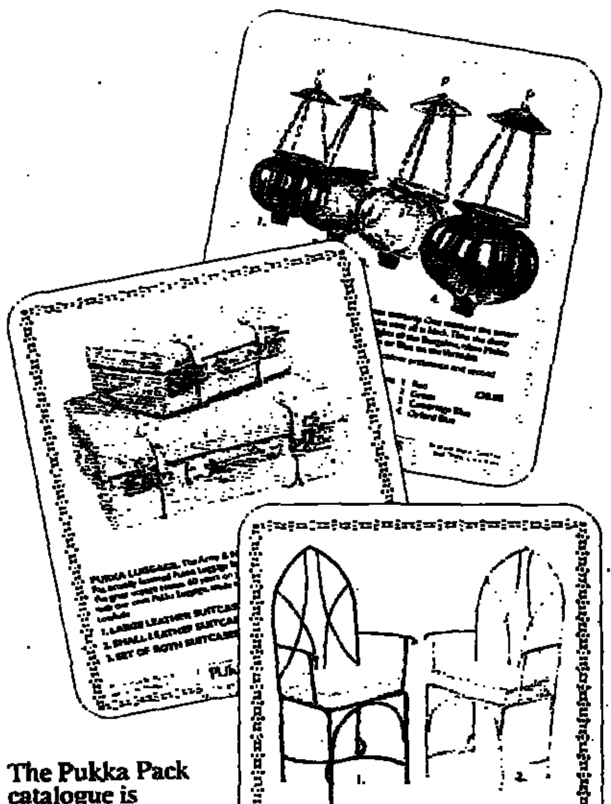

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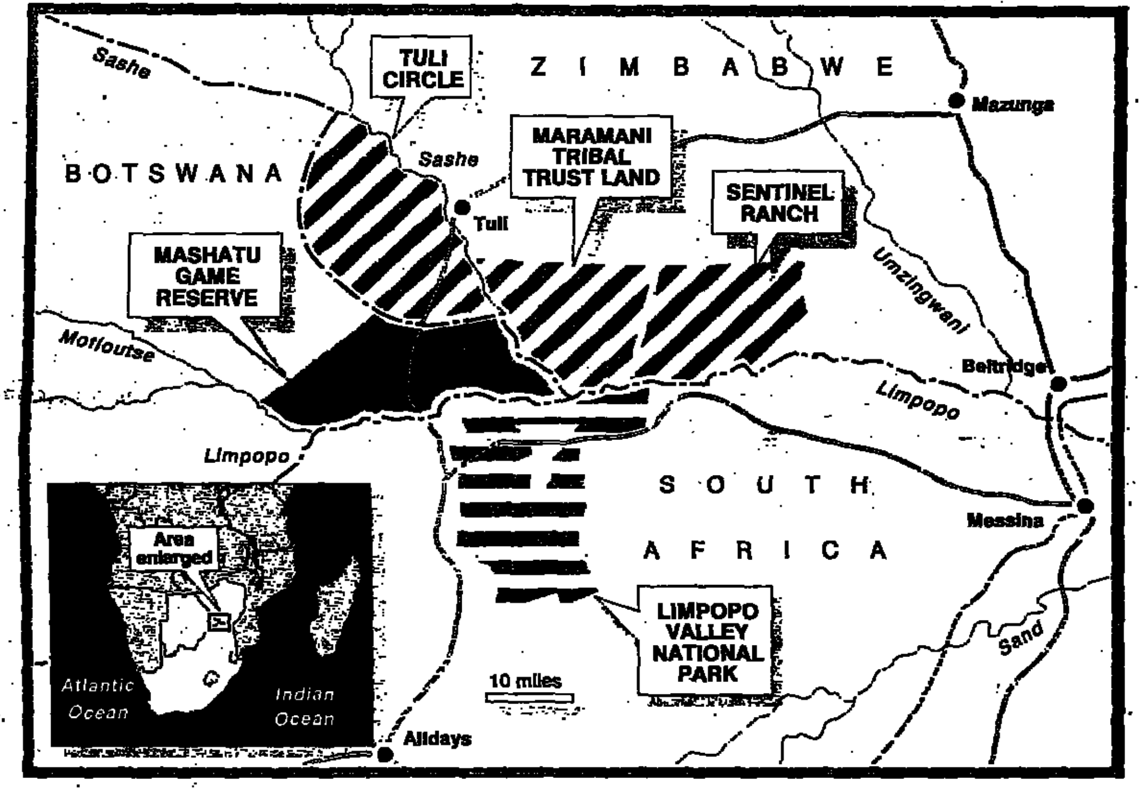

To reach the Mashatu Game Reserve in the easternmost corner of Botswana, we had to cross the Limpopo river by cable car, a *Heath Robinson* contraption which jerks the passenger over the river only a few feet above the crocodiles.

Having survived this adventure, half an hour later we drove into the camp, which seemed to co-exist in perfect harmony with the natural world around us; a woodland kingfisher — a dowdy name for an apparition in lapis lazuli and turquoise — perched tamely 10ft in front of me; and on the lawn beside the bar, a family of warthog, the mother's smile belying her vicious tusks, frolicked charmingly.

As we opened the door of our suite, a monkey scampered off the roof and cheekily swarmed down the tree trunk holding up our veranda. I peered into the bush just in case a lion was waiting to spring. But if it was, the pop of the cork as I opened a bottle of South African wine must have frightened it off.

Next morning after breakfast, our host, Hamish Gilfillan, introduced us to Fish, one of the rangers. "He says there's a big *herd* of elephant very close, so he's going to try and find them for us."

I felt the excitement growing as we headed through the *rolling* grey-green savannah towards the treeline that masks the Motloutse *river*, a tributary of the Limpopo. It was 10am and the elephants would be moving from the open bush to the forest. Once there, they *would* be hard to see. Were we too late?

Fish, a *Botswanan*, *who* has worked on the 70,000-acre Mashatu reserve for *12 years*, *suddenly* pointed. "Elephant, over there." I swivelled and saw them, the great, grey shapes drifting through the *mopane*. Then, as quickly, we were right in the middle of them. It was awesome. *Not that the elephants* showed any aggression, but their sheer size and numbers were intimidating. As we skidded through the dust, one *lone* bull turned and raised his trunk in ritual threat. *There were so many elephants, it* would have been easy to run into them, despite the matriarchs trumpeting shrilly to warn us off.

Heat descended. Shade enticed. The last group of half a dozen big *females* and *a dozen or more* youngsters ignored us, already half asleep *it seemed, gliding in slow*-motion into the cool of a giant fig. I asked Fish *how many there were in* the herd. "We see maybe 100, but I *think about* 200 *altogether.*"

I had come to Mashatu — Land of *the Giants in Tswana — not just* for the elephants but because it is here, *where* Botswana, Zimbabwe and South Africa meet on the banks of "the great, grey-green greasy Limpopo River," as Kipling called it, *that a vast new trans-frontier* game park is in the making. At 1,581 square miles it will dwarf most other game parks and sustain within its boundaries a herd of 900 elephants concentrated in the Tuli area north of *Mashatu* — the largest herd on private land in Africa.

It is proposed that the Limpopo Valley park *will* combine three elements: Mashatu and the *Tuli Game Reserve — private* and state-owned reserves — in Botswana; the *Maramani* Tribal Trust Land, which is at present *capable only of subsistence* agriculture, and the neighbouring Sentinel *Ranch in Zimbabwe; and the new* Limpopo National Park in South Africa.

The three areas combined will offer *visitors* a vast and varied area for game-watching, including all of the "big five" — elephant, rhino, lion, leopard and cheetah — some spectacular scenery, and the chance to see South Africa's most important archaeological site. Having crossed the river again by the precarious cable car, we travelled through the bush for an hour, skirting several cathedral-sized, *flat-topped* sandstone outcrops which reminded me of a less arid Arizona, until we halted beside the largest and most impressive.

This was where, in 1933, South *African archaeologists discovered* a small, beautifully-made statuette *known as the Golden Rhino of* Mapungubwe. This, and several *other finely worked gold objects*, were found in the grave of a Shona-*speaking king who lived nearly* 800 years ago.

From 1220, Mapungubwe was the centre of a rich cattle-owning society, *trading in gold and ivory with* Arabia and India, until it was destroyed by drought in about 1270, when power shifted to Great Zimbabwe, north of the Limpopo.

Dr Richard Leakey, the Kenya conservationist, *has called* Mapungubwe "part of the soul of the new South Africa". It also explodes the myth that there was no indigenous civilisation *in this part of Africa* when the Voortrekkers arrived.

To see the site I had to scramble up an almost vertical rock chimney — guarded by a rock-splitting fig tree, originally named *ficus smutsii after General Jan Smuts, the former* South African prime minister. *Smuts's love of the Limpopo valley* led him in 1947 to propose the *creation of the Dongola Wildlife* Sanctuary, only to see *the idea torpedoed by his political opponents* a year later. Now, thanks to diamonds, *Smuts's dream seems* about to become true.

In 1947 Smuts knew about Mapungubwe, but not about Venetia. *It was only in* 1980 that geologists working for De Beers discovered on Venetia Farm, not far from Mapungubwe, what turned out to be one of the richest diamond mines in the world. As good conservationists, De Beers immediately created a nature reserve round the mine, and in 1993 offered it to the government as the nucleus of a new national park. Last year, the South African National Parks Board was authorised to revive the old Dongola project, renamed the Limpopo Valley National Park, with the ultimate aim that it should become a "major component of a trans-frontier national park shared by all three countries". South Africa, like its neighbours, recognises that the benefits, in terms of ecotourism, can be immense.

After inspecting Mapungubwe, we drove along the Limpopo, nearly running over a deadly poisonous black mamba. It was a fearsome-looking snake, 10ft long and travelling like an express train — they say a black mamba can out-distance a horse.

Undaunted, we climbed to the top of a rock, with a superb view over the confluence of the Limpopo and Shashe rivers. As we gazed down on the three countries at our feet, two black eagles with white rumps soared along the rock face below us. "What a place for a lodge," I said. "You're looking at the very heart of the new park," Hamish replied.

Dr Robbie Robinson, *head* of South African National Parks, is optimistic. "*We have* initiated something which is bigger than all of us. It may take five, ten or 15 years, but I believe there will be a trans-frontier park *extending* across the three countries."

However long it takes, *tourists* are already making day trips to Mapungubwe from Mashatu; and in the new spirit of trans-frontier co-*operation, South Africa has offered* to tear down the electrified fence erected along *the* Limpopo *in the* bad old days of apartheid.

When that happens, the elephants of Botswana will be free to wander across the Limpopo again, *past* Mapungubwe and its ancient graves, and beyond.

● *Sandy Gall was a guest of Mashatu Game Reserve, Botswana, De Beers Consolidated Mines, Kimberley, and Amtrad Leisure, Johannesburg.*

FACT FILE

■ *The author's visit was* **organised by Hamish Gilfillan, of Amtrad Leisure, in *co-operation* with De Beers, and the South African National Parks Board.**

■ **He travelled with Art Study Tours which specialises in small escorted parties and holiday lets in southern Europe (0171-735-8309 or 01423-330533). He will be leading a 17-day tour to Vietnam *from February 17 (£2,900 pp)*. The next 15-day South Africa tour is in *September next year.***

■ **Flights to Johannesburg from Heathrow with South African Airways start at £720.**

■ **Mashatu Game Reserve is represented in London by Safari Desk, 86/87 Campden Street, London W8 7EN (0171-229 1216, fax 0171-229 1511), which can arrange *day trips to Mapungubwe.***

■ **Venetia Diamond Mine is not *open to the public, but Amtrad* Leisure, of 11 Diagonal Street, Johannesburg 2001, South Africa (00 2711 491 9111, fax 00 2711 838 5136) can arrange visits to game reserves offered by the National Parks Board.**

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■ **Timing and climate:** Best *period for game* viewing is between June and October — *the dry* season. The wettest is January and February.

■ ***Tour operators:*** Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe are usually offered by the smaller specialist African operators including: Okavango Tours & Safaris (0181-343 3283), Africa Exclusive (01604 28979) and Abercrombie & Kent (0171-730 9600).

They all organise tailor-made groups of four to ten travelling in four-wheel drive Jeeps, canoes and boats, staying in small lodges and luxury tented camps, with long distances covered by light aircraft.

Itineraries include *bird*-watching, fishing and boating, elephant, horse and walking safaris as well as whitewater rafting and canoeing on the Zambezi. Overland adventure and trekking firms offer expeditions of between two and five weeks, travelling by coach or expedition vehicles, camping en route or staying in state lodges, with a certain amount of "mucking in". Firms include Exodus Overland Expeditions (0181-675 5550). Explore (01252 319448) and Guerba Expeditions (01373 826611).

Since tours are *tailor-made*, the cost quoted from Okavango *Tours & Safaris is only for* guidance: a typical 14-day *Zimbabwe & Botswana tour* which includes game viewing *by vehicle or canoe*, interna*tional and internal flights*, accommodation, most meals, visits to the Victoria Falls, Okavango Delta and the *King's Pool in the Linyanti* Swamps costs £2,632 per person, with two sharing.

A *Kalahari* bushman

■ **Health:** The region is malarial; ask your doctor for the anti-malaria pills he advises (not available free on NHS). None are guaranteed effective, *and the only way to be safe is* not to be bitten; therefore take *supplies of mosquito repellent.* Hepatitis, typhoid, polio and *tetanus immunisations* are advisable. Water is usually safe *to drink, with warnings when* it is not. Many people prefer to stick to water in sealed bottles.

■ **Money:** US dollars (take some in small denominations) accepted. You cannot buy Namibian or Zimbabwe dollars or Botswana pula in the UK. Exchange only small amounts on arrival; most tours are fully inclusive, so currency is needed only for tips and small purchases.

■ **Passports and visas:** Full passports are required. No visas for British subjects, but passports must be valid for six months from date of arrival.

■ **Transport:** Air Namibia, Air Zimbabwe, British Airways and South African Airways serve the region. There are *excellent* train services to Victoria Falls, and good local *trains. Most traffic is in Jeeps — driving on the right — minibuses and boats. There is* free access between the three *countries, and South Africa.*

■ **Accommodation:** Hotels in the main cities — Harare, Bulawayo and in Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, Maun and Kasane in Botswana and Windhoek and Swakopmund in Namibia — are of good standard, and cheaper than some bush camps where you stay in tents or bungalows with running water and WC, for about £120 per person per night, if booked individually.

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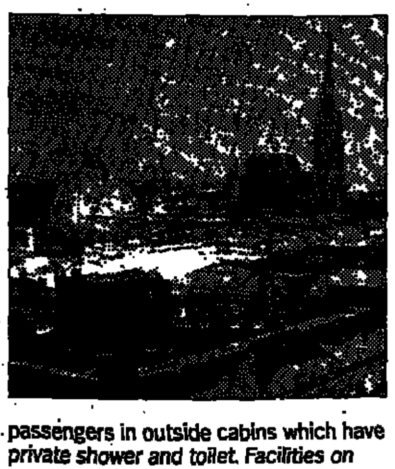


Thailand: Luxury hotels and shanty homes create a mixture of the old, the new and the unpredictable

Temples, tribes and traffic jams

The view from the swimming pools of two luxury hotels told me a lot about Thailand. The first hotel was in the capital, Bangkok; the second 450 miles to the northwest in Chiang Mai.

On my back, I pushed lazily away from the deep end of the Bangkok pool, emerging from beneath palm fronds to a frightening sight. A gigantic crane rotated a mass of building materials above my head. For one chilling moment I thought it might drop.

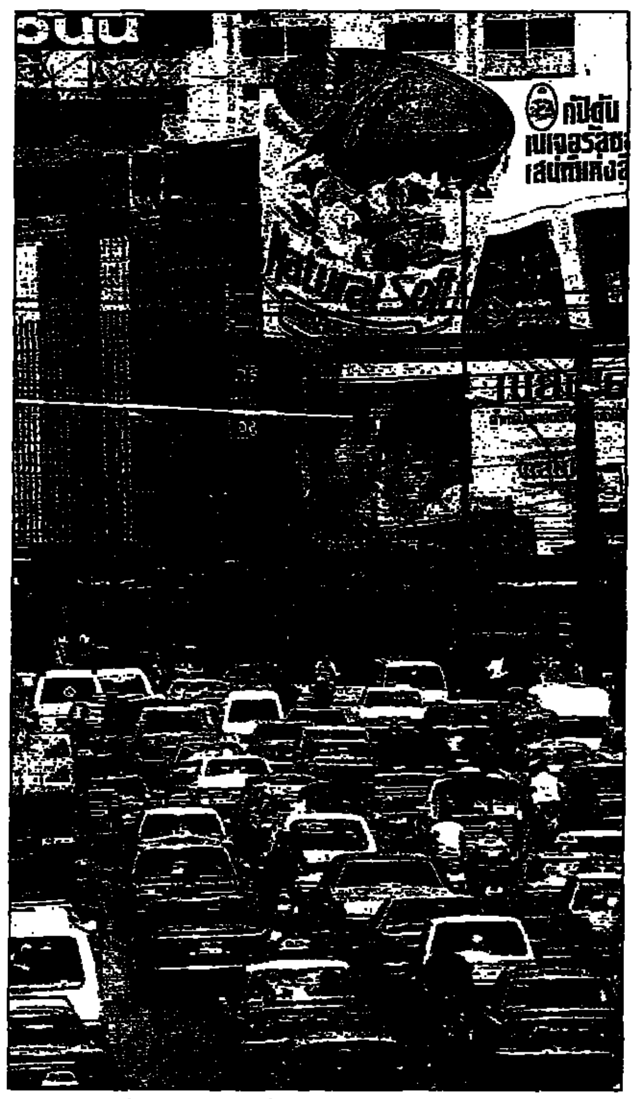
Everywhere in Bangkok there is frantic construction. Great concrete blocks spring up all over the place, with no detectable logic or plan. The result is a heady mixture of the old, new and unpredictable. My hotel room overlooked a street jammed with cars at all waking hours and, above the street, the skeletal spars of an elevated railway which, when it's finished, may do something to ease the jams.

The skyline along the river Chao Praya, too, mixes old and new. Gleaming, golden Buddhist temples jostle with vast hotels. The spaces between are filled with teetering shacks. Every square inch is occupied, or so it seems. The tributaries off the river are even more densely packed with ramshackle homes. Here trinket sellers lurk in boats, or in the water itself.

Wherever you go there is a constant bustle of enterprise, from the rich in their Mercedes to the poor up to their chins in water.

Nobody seems to know how many people live in Bangkok. Is it six million or eight? Whatever the number, and you can't help believing the highest you hear, the flood of people from the countryside accounts for this furious buying and selling.

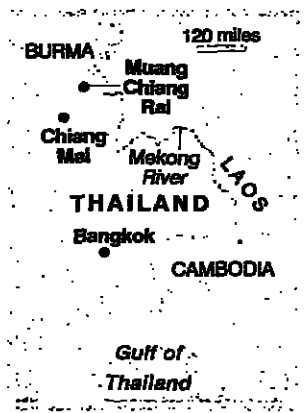
What I soon found I liked most about the past that lingers here is not a temple, mosque or palace, but the courtesy of the people. Here I was in the Regent Hotel where every imaginable luxury, comfort and modern convenience is available. The decor is impeccable, the abundant flowers stunning in their variety, service is round the clock and the food first-class. I recommend a Thai dinner in the Spice Market restaurant.



Bangkok is crammed with traffic around the clock

What I relished above all was the manner of service. Without any sense of servility, the staff sink to their knees when you issue your order from a low-slung chair in the bar, and at every opportunity — when they open a door or take your luggage — they accompany their actions with a sweet salute: hands steepled together beneath the chin, a broad smile, a deep bow.

Is it the mellowing influence of Buddhism, the shrines and images of which are thick even in the poorest places? I don't know, but hope that Thai graciousness is never buried beneath Bangkok's concrete and bustle.



So on to my second pool with a view, at the Regent Resort Hotel near Chiang Mai, the principal city in northwest Thailand. From the deep end I looked down on a flooded rice field at the end of which a water buffalo grazed. Beyond, green hills rolled gently away towards mountains. Embracing the rice field in a half circle are the hotel buildings, suites of rooms set in groups of four on two floors. Elbows on the rim of the pool, drink at hand, I watched rain clouds sweep across the mountains in the distance, shafts of sunlight piercing the murk. When the sun goes down, frogs and insects set up a deafening clamour.

The hotel is a pinnacle of luxury, contained in what looked to me like a series of exotic temples but which, I was assured, are authentic Thai architecture. Shangri-La passes through the mind.

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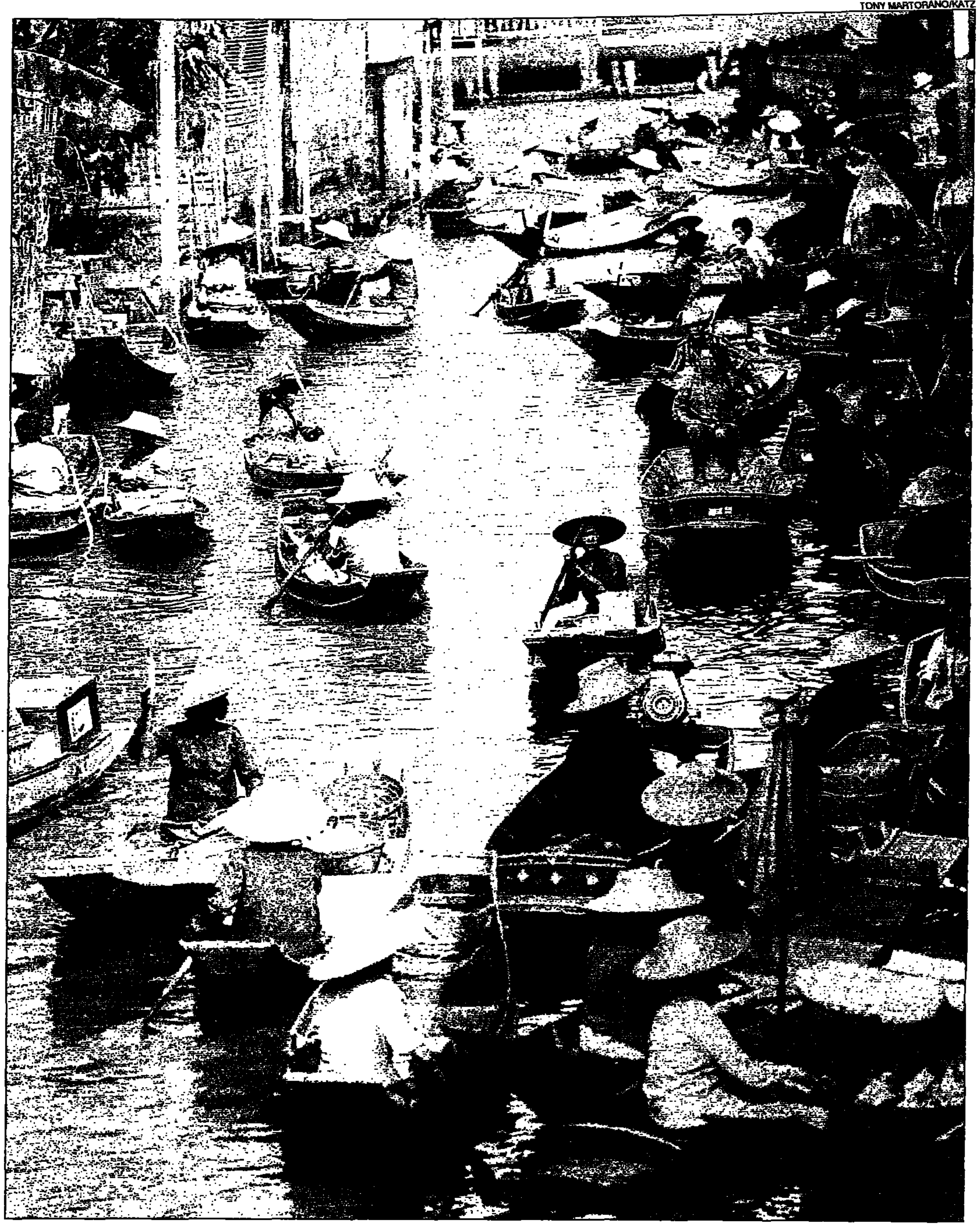

Peasants converge on Bangkok's floating market from the countryside to sell their produce. The capital is home to around seven million people

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- ■ **Thai Airways (0171-499 9113/0161-831 7861) flies daily from London to Bangkok, arriving early the next morning. The return fare this month and next is from £1,071. London-Bangkok-Chiang Mai-London costs from £1,113. The Discover Thailand fare (covering four domestic sectors within Thailand) is £170.**

- ■ ***Simply Tropix*** **(0181-875 1777) offers a package deal for two nights at the Regent Hotel in Bangkok and five at the Regent Resort in Chiang Mai from £1,094 per person, including return fares and flights within Thailand.**

Among the expeditions was one to an elephant training school. Exactly what the elephants are being trained for I am not sure, but they go through their paces for the tourists, lining up in order of size, like those ivory carvings that used to be on mantelpieces. The elephants lie in the river and stand up again. They give their mahouts a step up to their backs with their forelegs. They pile logs with their trunks. And they give us a ride, two to an elephant — slow, lurching and slightly scary.

The elephants are managed by Karen tribesmen. They let us off at the settlement of another tribe, the Lisu. Pigs and piglets slumbered all over the place: hens and chickens pecked and clucked. A small girl attended to her weaving. Every second house had a shop attached. Apart from one man, who scuttled away, the village seemed to be entirely occupied by females, dressed in colourful tribal costume. We moved on to Muang Chiang Rai, where Thailand meets Laos and Burma at the Mekong river. We took a boat trip and I imagined myself doing something brave in the Vietnam War. When we stepped ashore I bought a plate printed with the words "Golden Triangle" and a picture of me stepping on to the boat 40 minutes earlier. Later I bought some designer-label T-shirts in the night market at Chiang Mai. They were fakes and cost almost nothing. I also had a jacket made in cashmere by a tailor, who ran it up overnight for £80.

In the Golden Triangle we met the Yao and Loimi tribes who tried to sell us waistcoats. They have strange customs. Yao women are worth more as brides if they have had children: it proves their fertility. The Loimi have been weaned off their habits of washing only once a year and of killing newborn twins: now the twins are given for adoption.

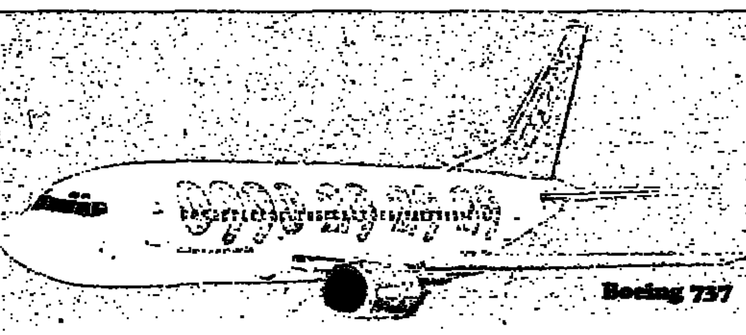
Do I believe these tales? Or have they been invented to titillate the tourists? I started to think that as soon as we left the village. I imagined the tribespeople laughing behind our backs, throwing off their colourful costumes, shutting up their shops and getting out their jeans and televisions. And then I saw, at the entrance to the Loimi village, a dog which had been skinned and skewered to a platform. Whether or not this had the effect desired of frightening off evil spirits I don't know, but it certainly rattled me.

I found myself wondering what, say, the average local councillor in Britain would make of these things. He or she would, I suppose, ban the performing elephants on grounds of cruelty, and subsidise the tribes in their ways on grounds of ethnic rights. My inclinations would be the opposite. The elephants seem content but the tribespeople a bit miserable. Is there anything to be said for preserving a lifestyle that brings a life expectancy of 55?

Thank heaven I don't have to decide these things. For me the diversity of Thailand — its courtesy, beauty, strangeness, energy — is its charm. And it is smart of the travel industry to have realised that there is more to holidays than lounging in the sun and to have opened up remote, exotic places without sacrificing an ounce of comfort.

ERIC JACOBS

● *The author was a guest of Thai Airways and Regent International Hotels*



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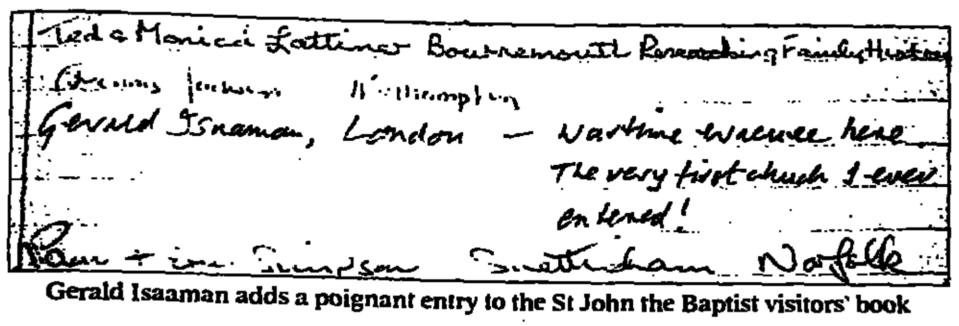

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Gerald Isaaman, London — Wartime evacuee here The very first church I ever entered!

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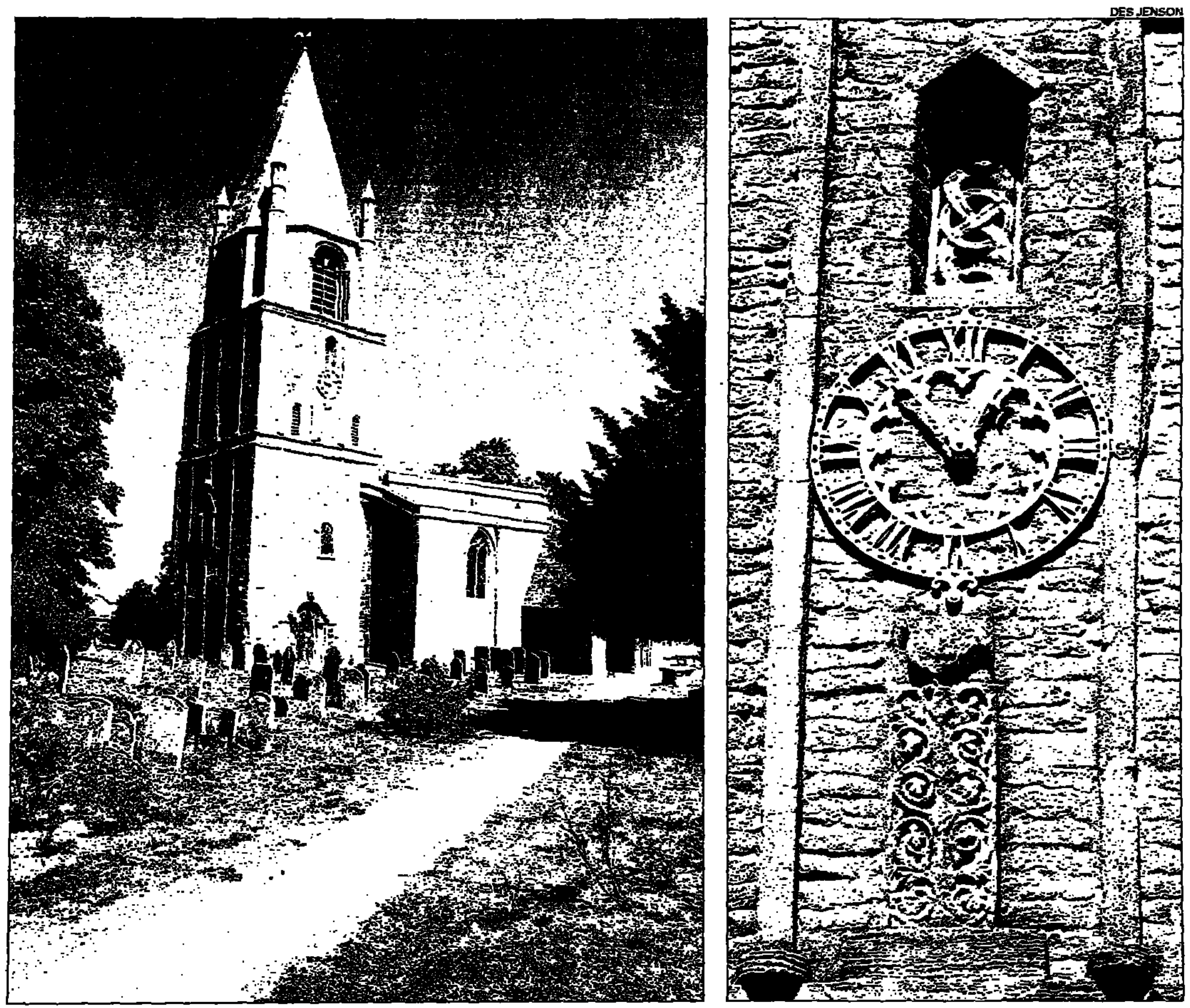
Gerald Isaaman adds a poignant entry to the St John the Baptist visitors' book

The young Gerald (front right) poses with his family



DES JENSON

St John the Baptist church, built in Barnack's own famous stone, Barnack Rag. The list of rectors includes Charles Kingsley senior (1824-32)

Scratch a patch of Britain and often you will find something of fascination from the hides of history — and sometimes you can find a trace of your personal past. Take the Great North Road out of London, what they call the A1 today, and 90 miles down the track turn right into Stamford, which deserves the epithets heaped upon it. "If there is a more beautiful town in the whole of England I have yet to see it," wrote W. G. Hoskins. But resist the temptation to linger, and continue instead to the village of Barnack, in the short drive passing the romantic turrets of Burghley House, the 240-room mansion of the mighty Cecils and now a showplace of Elizabethan power, the estate being the venue for a host of major equestrian events.

Barnack has its own niche in history — and in mine. It appears as Beonica in the *Anglo-Saxon Chronicles*, becomes Bernake by 1052, half a century after the marauding Danes had savaged East Anglia, and by Domesday is Bernac, the name apparently deriving from the Anglo-Saxon for Warriors' Oak, where military magnates met for law-making and giving justice. There were Lords of the Manor such as Hugh de Bernak and Ralph de Barnack, whose coat of arms was a shield bearing three barnacles, before that acquisitive neighbour Lord Burghley, treasurer to Queen Elizabeth, took over and then, through his line, to the present Marquis of Exeter.

My appearance in that panoply of dates was more than half a century ago, at the outbreak of war, in 1939. I arrived in Barnack with my three sisters as evacuees from London, lost, tired kids who had never seen the country before, ordered by their mother not to allow themselves to be split up, no matter what.

So it was that we sat and shuffled until the village hall was empty, except for us, until farmer Bradshaw from the hamlet of Southorpe came to the reluctant rescue, and took us to live at Hall Farm, his grey-stone Georgian home where plentiful sides of bacon hung in the kitchen. It was to be the first of four different homes for me, some of distinct and others of distant memory, in my pilgrimage into the past times of a little lad, aged six.

I revisited it on a bright day of withering winds, a raw time to evoke spent years in what is an impressive village of substantial houses, cottages, dovecotes and almshouses built round a remarkable church, all in Barnack's own famous stone, Barnack Rag, quarried first by the Romans, and on until the 16th century. It is part of that great swath of durable oolite limestone that curves across England, from Dorset to Lincoln.

Transported by barge on the Welland, Barnack stone went to build the abbeys and cathedrals of Peterborough, Ramsey, Ely, and Bury St Edmunds. "Peterborough Cathedral would not have been so high if Barnack quarry had not been so nigh," so they say.

St John the Baptist, in the heart of Barnack, would probably not be so high without it, a church dating originally from Wulfhere, King of Mercia in 664, whose Saxon ancestry is evident from its belfry and tower, and a carved effigy of Christ. It was the first church I ever entered, a fact I proclaimed in the visitors' book. The list of rectors dates back to Hugh de Karteluna, 1218, and includes Charles Kingsley senior (rector 1824-32), father of the namesake clergyman, poet, novelist and social reformer, who arrived in Barnack, aged five, long before he wrote *The Water Babies* or he used the Fens to create Hereward the Wake.

Kingsley junior, impatient, highly strung, suffered from nightmares, some say as a result of sleeping in a room in the 14th-century rectory, allegedly haunted by the ghost of an unloved priest, wearing flowered dressing gown and cap. Charles, who composed sermons at the age of four, claimed later to remember "every stone and brick" of Barnack.

Today, part of the once extensive rectory site is called the Kingsley Estate, a 1960s, middle-class housing development, the only memorial to bear his name.

A new school has been built behind the old one, dating from 1796, where my only recollection of an early education is of the November night in 1940 when incendiary bombs showered down, one going through the school roof and giving us a day's holiday. Why we should have been evacuated so near to an RAF station has always been a mystery.

But that, too, did give us the excitement of a Junkers 88, adorned with swastikas, crashing into a sugar-beet field and the chance to clamber over the wreckage.

"That crash is still remembered as the greatest thing that's happened here in a thousand years," the current rector, the Rev Glyn Austin, mused, an understandable conclusion when so little stirs in Barnack nowadays, except for those lured to its church or to the Hills and Holes, an undulating grassy landscape left over from the ancient quarries. Now our once familiar playground is a protected nature reserve, one of the two richest sites in the country for the mauve pasque or pasch flower, meaning Easter-tide, one rarity among no fewer than nine varieties of native orchid, and some 28 species of butterflies.

> 'This sad place once bubbled with children's voices'

The Hills and Holes extend to the edge of Walcot Hall and Park, the distinguished house built in Barnack rag in 1678 by Sir Hugh Cholmondeley, which subsequently became the war operations room of the US Eighth Army Air Force in planning Flying Fortress bomber attacks on Germany.

In a corner of the 18th-century walled park with its huge trees and grand avenue of limes was a gamekeeper's cottage.

Here my sisters and I lived with gamekeeper Norman Herron, his wife Ethel, and their two sons, Eric and Ronnie, and it is of this exiled home that I have my strongest recollections, perhaps because of the perfectness of the place. Here I went out with Norman to shoot rabbit, hare and pigeon, to eat of course, saw him raise pheasant, take honey from the buzzing hives, here I discovered what ferrets were, ate wild strawberries, here Norman skinned moles and tacked them to boards to dry before selling them.

There was a poignant feeling of coming home on reaching the broken entrance, and then finding, painfully, what I recalled as a big house was really a much smaller one. This home, into which eight people once squeezed, was now dark and derelict with crushed walls, gutted rooms, surrounded and hidden, almost in shame, by a large tangle of boxwood and shrubs, smashed as if by a giant's fist.

The cast-iron cooking range stood cold and idle. Here I dared to recite some small poem, but only while hidden beneath the kitchen table. This sad place, where there were only paraffin lamps to light you to bed, once bubbled with children's voices. And provided us with our own lost domain. But no more.

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GERALD ISAAMAN

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A haven to answer the call of the wild

As the drama on Prospero's island was played out, the sea pounded more heavily against the rocky shores of Newfoundland. The fishing boats retreated, but the audience remained entranced.

A clifftop at Logy Bay, a few miles from the provincial capital, St John, provided the setting for Memorial University's production of *The Tempest*. Logy Bay is typical of the remote coastal villages (known as "outports") linked by Marine Drive, which runs for an hour and a half by car from St John along the north coast of the Avalon Peninsula through Flat Rock to Conception Bay. Its beaches can only be reached by cliff paths and are battered by stormy seas even on fine days.

Newfoundland is a wild province only partly reclaimed from the elements, but this is its peculiar charm. Settled by John Cabot in 1497, the province has great plans for its 500th anniversary next summer. The past is very much alive here. Modern buildings of steel and glass are juxtaposed with brightly painted, wooden houses. Red, blue and green fishermen's cottages nestle in the fishing Battery at the bottom of the cliffs at the narrow entrance to St John harbour.

The Battery lies below Signal Hill, on top of which stands the Cabot Tower, built in 1897. The Battery is like many coastal outports around St John, such as Quidi Vidi, a fishing village still inside the city limits, with boats moored at jetties surrounded by colourful cottages.

The wildness of the sea crashing against the rocky borders of the island and the isolated outports might not attract everyone. But young Newfies enthuse that St John has more bars per capita than anywhere else in the world. Its wild landscape is certainly matched by its nightlife.

The Irish origins of many islanders still colour Newfoundland's culture. An Irish lilt sounds in many voices in the bars — an echo of the old world mingling with their North American twangs in the Avalon and Village Shopping Malls on the edge of the city.

The Basilica of John the Baptist embodies this remarkable fusion. Built in the 19th century of stone from Ireland and Newfoundland, its twin towers reach 42 metres, and dominate the skyline. The Basilica looks down on St John and probably owes its survival to its position.

The great fire of 1892 wiped out many old buildings. On a hot July afternoon, Tommy Fitzpatrick dropped his pipe while working in a barn — 24 hours later, more than 1,500 homes had been destroyed.

Ferryland is about an hour south of St John. Houses nestle along the shore and clear water laps against the roadside. Fishing boats sit idly in the harbour because the government pays the fishermen not to fish, to allow stocks to replenish. The only activity here is archaeological.

The Avalon Village Dig is excavating the site of Lord Baltimore's 1621 settlement at the inner harbour known as The Pool. Baltimore's wife and children all died here, and he left for Maryland in 1629. North of Ferryland, is Bay Bulls, which, like many Newfoundland harbours, was a vital port for the Allied fleet during the Second World War. Today, the only fleet is tour boats patrolling the waters in search of whales.

When our boat turned off its engine, you could hear waves crashing against rocks, the cries of birds and Irish music from the crew's CD player. This is the appeal of Newfoundland — the combination of the wild sea with a sense of the island's past — and present.

AMANDA LOOSE

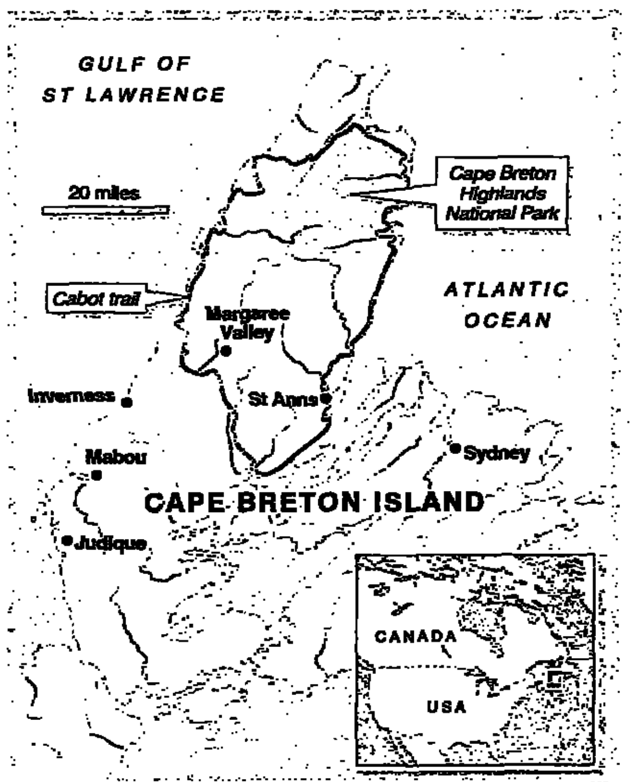
FACT FILE

- **Flights:** Air Canada (0990 247226) flies from Heathrow to St John from £339.
- **Accommodation:** Battery Hotel and Suites (001 709 576 0040) three-star, overlooking the harbour, from £55 per person per night.
- **Tours May-Oct:** City and Outpost Tours (00 709 754 8687): tour buses run daily to the Southern shore and Bay Bulls. The six-hour tour costs £30, children under 12 £15. Includes lunch, return transport and boat trip at Bay Bulls.
- **Ferryland Museum.** 00 709 432 2711. Signal Hill National Historic Site. 00 709 772 5367. Basilica. 00 709 754 2170. Avalon Dig. 00 709 729 2830.
- **Department of Tourism** 00 709 729 2830. Events planned for 1997 celebrations of 500 years since John Cabot landed in Newfoundland (001 709 722 1997).

FRANK SPOONER

Celtic music, dance and the Gaelic language are alive and well in Cape Breton, a ragged-edged outpost of Nova Scotia, settled by Highlanders after 18th-century clearances

Pure Scotch on the rocks



"There's no music like Cape Breton music for dancing," Tommy Basker said. He tapped his glass of rum for emphasis. "You go to a square dance with a hall full of people . . . and boy, she smokes." Boy, she does. And Tommy should know.

A red-hot harmonica player, all his life he's been involved with the wonderfully infectious music of his native Cape Breton. The island, a ragged-edged outpost of Nova Scotia, pokes out from Canada's Atlantic coast. Not that Cape Bretoners consider themselves Canadians: this large and beautiful island, where music and dance seem to flow through almost every household, is a world unto itself.

Jenny Gardner, a young fiddle player from Edinburgh, was sitting with us in the kitchen of Tommy Basker's house near the island's capital, Sydney. She'd come, like so many others from all corners of the world, to drink at one of the world's purest musical fountainheads. Scots music and culture are astonishingly alive on the island, where Highlanders came to start new lives during the clearances in 18th and 19th-century Scotland. Not only their music and dance, but their Celtic traditions of hospitality — and their Gaelic language, too — have survived in a landscape that might have been transplanted from the Highlands.

In summer, Cape Breton hums. There are concerts, shows and dances every day of the week; classes in music and dancing at the Gaelic College at St Anns in the north of the island; informal sessions in bars where musicians gather to test their skills against each other like gunfighters at the OK Corral. But I was in search of the "pure drop", the back-kitchen music played by the island's great musicians for their own pleasure, and as a courtesy to the casual caller.

The eastern side of the island is the stronghold of descendants of Presbyterian and Church of Scotland settlers. The west is hillier and wilder, the land of the Catholic Highlanders and French refugees driven out of Nova Scotia by religious persecution in the 18th century. In the north is the Cape Breton Highlands National Park, encircled by the Cabot Trail, a stunningly beautiful drive.

I was aiming for Inverness County, on the southwest coast, where most of Cape Breton's master fiddlers live in tucked-away valleys above lonely beaches. Jenny Gardner was quick to hitch a ride once she heard where I was bound: and with us came David MacDonald, whose delight is to collect musicians and dancers for wild sessions in the barn at the Normaway Inn he runs near Mabou.

We threaded into steadily rising country where painted, weatherboard farmhouses, stood in clearings and called on Archie Neil Chisholm. Eighty-nine years old and as sharp as a knife, he has compered more concerts and encouraged more young music-makers than you could shake a bow at.

It was Archie and a few like-minded friends who convened a gathering of Cape Breton musicians in 1973, to revive the musical culture they feared was on the verge of extinction. One of Cape Breton's new young breed of fiddlers, Wendy MacIsaac, was spending the afternoon with Archie Neil. Bravely, Jenny accepted an invitation to strike up the first tune; then Wendy replied in kind, a leaping succession of reels, marches and strathspeys. "It nearly died out in the first decade of this century," Archie Neil said. "Father MacDonald, the priest, collected all the fiddles in Margaree and broke them up — it was the Devil's music to him, you see. Some people had two fiddles, though, and only gave him the poorer one."

At evening, under a full moon, we came down rough roads to the coast and called on Jerry Holland, a master fiddler who has played and recorded all over the world. No *folie de grandeur* about Jerry: he poured the inevitable cup of tea, talked enthusiastically about the School of Celtic Music he's establishing on the island, and played an hour's worth of bewitching tunes on a fiddle dark with age.

Back in Sydney, the Barra MacNeils held a house *ceilidh*. A celebrated musical family from the island of Barra in the Outer Hebrides, the MacNeils have passed the tradition down the generations. The house was jumping. Tommy Basker was there, so was David Macdonald. Jenny Gardner let her fiddle bow fly with the best of them. That's how this island keeps the heart and soul of good music alive. Yep . . . she smokes, all right.

CHRISTOPHER SOMERVILLE

FACT FILE

- **Travel:** Air Canada (0990 247226) flies from Heathrow to Halifax, Nova Scotia, from £499.
- **Car hire:** can be arranged through Thrifty Car Hire (01494 442110) from £147 a week.
- **Accommodation:** Delta Hotel, Sydney (00 902 562 7500), from £40 per night. Duncreigan Inn, Mabou (00 902 945 2207) from £38 per night. Normaway Inn, Margaree Valley (00 902 248 2987) from £38.
- **Cape Breton Tourism Information,** Canada Centre, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (0171-839 2299).
- **Information on music sessions and dances from David MacDonald** (00 902-248-2987).
- **Jerry Holland's Ceilidh Trail School of Celtic Music,** PO Box 297, Inverness, Cape Breton, N.S. BOE INO.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 23

SERINGUEIRO

(c) In Brazil, a person employed to gather rubber. From the Portuguese *seringa*. Also, erroneously, *seringero*. "The dwindling number of Indians was pressed into service as seringueiros. The isolated, difficult life of the exploited seringueiro explained the recruitment problem."

TIANG

(c) A small, dark-brown antelope belonging to a race of the korrigum, *Damaliscus lunatus*, found in the Sudan and neighbouring parts of Ethiopia. "The Tiang, as the well-known German traveller and naturalist Theodor von Heuglin proposed to call this Antelope, after its native name, is a representative form of the Korrigum in the upper valley of the Nile."

SQUADROL

(a) A small police van. US slang. A portmanteau word made from packing together *squad* + *(pat)rol*. "The Plymouth was a block ahead when the squadrol, its red and blue lights flashing, came in sight on a collision course."

VAGABONDIA

(a) The realm or world of vagabunds. Jocular US slang from *vagabond* turned into a place name. "You should not make the mistake of confusing Hobohemia with Vagabondia. The latter is a more and less alluring realm of the Old World."

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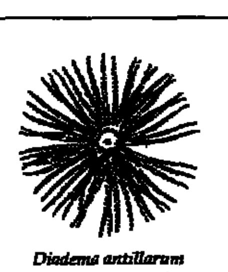
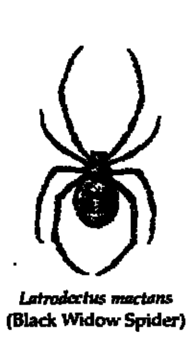


Diadema antillarum
(Long-Spined Urchin)



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(Black Widow Spider)

Muggus thugeri
(Common Hoodlum)

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No regrets at Piaf museum

INSIDER'S GUIDE TO PARIS

Few know about the Edith Piaf Museum, and fewer still make the effort to visit it, thus it is the perfect antidote to a hot day queueing with 5,000 others who want to be fed culture at the Louvre.

The Piaf fan must be dedicated, regretting nothing in his or her efforts to worship at the altar of the diva, for the museum is far off the beaten track in the 11th, near where Piaf grew up in the slums of Belleville. Each visit requires a phone call to the curator, Bernard Marchois, to book a time for the next afternoon. But this means you will have the museum, and M Marchois, an old friend of Piaf, entirely to yourself.

After a short walk from Père Lachaise or Ménilmontant metro, you find yourself in the unprepossessing Rue Crespin-du-Gast, down from a Salvation Army refuge. But there is a plaque outside number five for the "Musée Les Amis D'Edith Piaf". You dial in the entry codes and ascend four flights fearing increasingly for your life.

Instead, M Marchois pops out of a door, a man in his fifties with a diamond stud earring, and welcomes you into a sea of memorabilia and kitsch. His hairy peke snuffles at your feet.

The shrine to Piaf consists of two small rooms. The red walls are decorated with original posters from the 1940s and 1950s, tacky oil paintings, and framed letters and cards. There are busts of Piaf, three stage costumes and, splendidly, a lifesize cardboard figure of her, less than 5ft tall. Her giant teddy bear, of much the same height, sits in a chair by the door. In the background, *La Vie en Rose* plays on the gramophone.

M Marchois has every existing Piaf recording — more than 300 songs — and will take special requests during the visit. His personal favourite is *La Foule*. He met Piaf at her apartment in the 16th *arrondissement* in 1958 when he was 16 years old, and continued to be part of her entourage until she died in 1963.

"In real life she was not this sad person of her songs. She was vivacious, fun to be with, always making jokes. We all loved to be around her," says M Marchois, who gives his tour in French.

The first time, when a friend took M Marchois to visit Piaf, he was disappointed. "He said I would see this great chanteuse, and instead there was this tiny little ordinary woman. But then she sat down at her piano, and I understood." Thereafter, M Marchois would visit Piaf almost every night when she was not on tour — "but she barely spent more than three months of the year in Paris".

In 1977, all the friends of Edith Piaf gathered souvenirs she had left them and decided to display them to the public. "There was not much. She was not a great materialist, and only had a few bits of furniture in her big apartment."

Now the committee of friends runs the Piaf fan club and the museum from the same address in the 11th. Almost 80 per cent of the museum's visitors are young people, all well-versed in the Piaf legend. She has also become a major gay icon. There is something of a sideshow atmosphere to the rather cramped place. Her tiny size 2 suede shoes nestle on shelves. The friends also kept obscurities such as a photocopy of Piaf's palm. "You can see her life line is suddenly cut short here," M Marchois says. Piaf died at 48.

Her grave, incidentally, is conveniently near the museum, at the back of Père Lachaise cemetery (plot 97, second row) and is always covered in new flowers. M Marchois was one of the 400,000 who turned out for the funeral of "L'Ange Noir" and says "all Paris mourned".

KATE MUIR

- *Edith Piaf Museum, 5 Rue Créspin-du-Gast, 11th, by appointment only, Mon to Thurs afternoon, call Bernard Marchois on 43 55 52 72. Free.*
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J.C. NEWS

The beautiful beaches of far-off places, such as Barbados (above), are helping to make long-haul holiday flights the fastest-growing sector of British Airways

Top of the long hauls

HONG KONG, Barbados and South Africa are British Airways' fastest-growing destinations this year. BA's 1997 programme, with prices starting at £295 for a week in Egypt, reflects the popularity of long-haul travel, which now accounts for one in five of all holidaymakers, as well as the buoyance of the cruising market. Its new Cruise and Stay brochure offers several land and sea combinations, with a three-night Caribbean cruise or four nights in Orlando costing from £825. A sports brochure features golf, riding, tennis and watersports.

JILL CRAWSHAW'S TRAVEL TIPS

Honestly...

EVEN before most of us have taken our holidays this year, Thomson has launched its 1997 summer programme, offering more than two million holidays from 20 UK airports — and describing the hotels in tell-it-like-it-is language, based on the experiences of previous guests. Prices start at £99 per adult for a week's self-catering in Salou, Spain, in May, plus £9 for the first child. On its "Superfamily" holidays offering accommodation with play centres, the company has teamed up with Mothercare to provide everything from sterilisers and bottle warmers to cots, baby baths and high chairs. New destinations include Croatia, from £149 for a week's half board, and Zimbabwe/Kenya, from £1,419 for a 14-day safari.

Shuttle breaks

CUT-PRICE breaks to French, Dutch and Belgian cities travelling by Le Shuttle are available from Time Off (0171-234 8070), with free travel for children to Paris until September 15. Two-night B&B breaks to Paris start at £105 via Le Shuttle with your own car, and £164 by Eurostar. Further economies can be made by travelling midweek to Paris, and choosing one of Time Off's hotels offering free accommodation for children under 12. There are also breaks travelling one-way by Eurostar and one way by air.

Oh, oh heaven

THE POWERS of evil, including the baddies from Smersh and Spectre, along with the Bond goodies, will be in Jamaica from October 23-27 for the first James Bond festival. Caribtours (0171-581 3517) is offering flights and six nights with all meals and drinks at the Jamaica Grande in Ocho Rios from £1,499.

Going bananas

A NEW brochure by the banana trader Fyffe, including its 35-day round trips between Portsmouth and Surinam costing £1,980 with all meals, is available from Cargo Ship Voyages (01473 736265). The working ship stops first at Flushing in Holland to load buses and other freight. During unloading, two days are spent at Paramaribo, where jungle trips are available. The seven passengers dine with the British officers. Guyana and the Windward Isles are sometimes on the Fyffe itinerary.

Wild idea

PEAK International (01296 624225), which organises wilderness adventures for small groups, offers a two-week canoeing and camping trip in northern Minnesota this month and next. The trip is timed to coincidee withy early autumn and the chance to observe otters, loons, beavers, bald eagles and perhaps wolf, black bears and moose. The price, £685, does not include flights.

Roman plot

APARTMENTS set high on one of Rome's seven hills, and in the last remaining orchard garden within the ancient walls, are available from Room Service (0171-636 6888), which specialises in traditional, family-run hotels in Italy. The apartments are five minutes walk from the Colosseum, and seven minutes by bus to the city centre. They cost from £89-£119 a week, sleeping two-four people. Minimum stay four nights.

Ski farm

IF YOU ski in the Austrian resort of Bad Joeinkirchen in Carinthia, you can stay in a 500-year-old farmhouse apartment, with home-baked bread each morning. The Leebhof farmhouse costs £132 a week for each of four people, self-drive including the ferry crossing, or £367 per person by air. Details from Austrian Pursuits (01763 852646), which specialise in places where holidaymakers become part of the community.

Tipple trail

WINE breaks in Provence offered by Winetrails (01306 712111) are based on La Corniche, a little hotel with an oyster bar and views over Toulon Harbour. The three-day breaks, including tours to some of the wine domains of the region, such as Bandol, Palette, Côte de Provence and Côteaux Varois, cost £199 without travel or car hire, £239 with self-drive and ferry, and £319 by air with car hire. Extra nights, £35.

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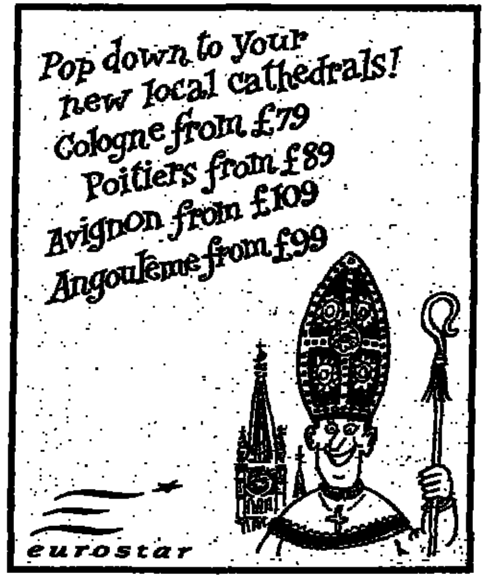

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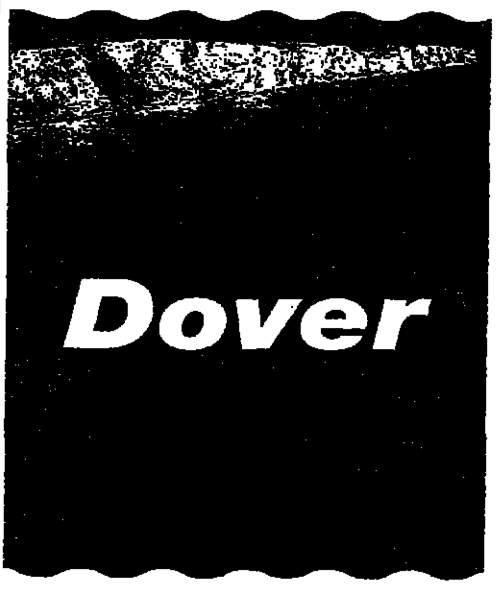

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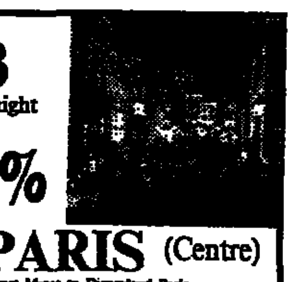

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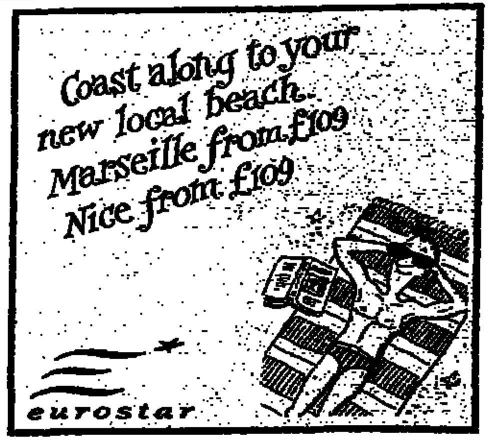

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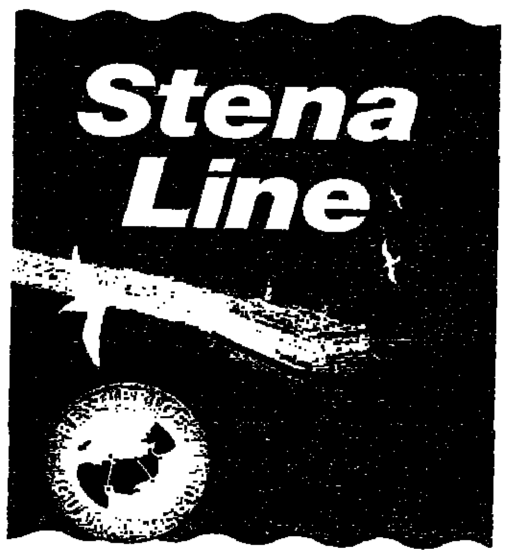

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GAMES

CHESS

by Raymond Keene

THE MODERN master relies to a greater extent on the power of memory than his predecessors. The explosion of contemporary theory in the openings is such that anyone with a defective memory who aspires to the chess heights is virtually doomed to fail. Recently Bobby Fischer, world champion from 1972 to 1975, propounded a form of random chess, where the positions of the pieces are shuffled by chance before the game starts. The point is to eliminate reliance on memory, but in spite of obvious attractions whether Fischer's innovation will catch on is a moot point.

Although standard play requires a good memory, this is as nothing compared to the demands made by blindfold chess, particularly simultaneous blindfold chess, where a master or grandmaster takes on many opponents at the same time without being allowed to see the board or pieces at all. I have tried this myself, successfully playing five games blindfold at once, but compared to the greats in the discipline this is mere dilettantism. Alexander Alekhine played 32 blindfold simultaneous games in 1932. George Koltanowski increased this to 34 in 1937 and in 1947 Miguel Najdorf took on 45 opponents.

A particular exponent of blindfold chess and the memory powers associated with it was the American grandmaster Harry Nelson Pillsbury, and one feat by which he particularly delighted audiences was blindfold playing of 12 games of chess and six games of draughts at the same time. While doing this he also conducted a game of duplicate whist.

On one occasion, at such a display, two professors read out to him a sequence of 28 words and short phrases. Pillsbury repeated them in the order given, and then in reverse order, and had no difficulty repeating them the next day. This random collection of curious words and phrases is worth repeating for posterity. Readers may care to try to memorise it for themselves: antiphlogistine, periosteum, takadiastase, plasmon, Threlkeld, streptococcus, staphylococcus, micrococcus, plasmodium, Mississippi, Freiheit, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, athletics, no war, Etchenberg, American, Russian, philosophy, Piet Potgelter's Rost, Salamagundi, Oomisillecootsi, Bangmamvate, Schlechter's Nek, Manzinyama, theosophy, catechism, Madjescomalops.

W: Pillsbury B: Howell
12-Board Blindfold Simultaneous
Brooklyn 1900
Hampe-Allgaier Gambit

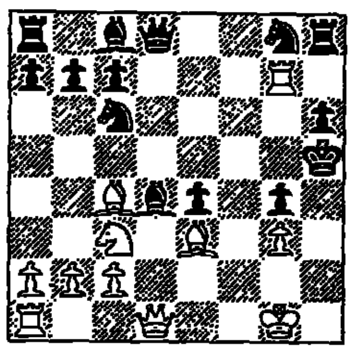
1	e4	e5	2	Nc3	Nc6
3	f4	exf4	4	Nf3	g5
5	h4	g4	6	Ng5	h6
7	Nxf7				

White sacrifices a piece to expose the black king.

7	...	Kxf7	8	d4	d5
9	Bxf4	Bg7	10	Be3	Bf6
11	g3	dxe4	12	Bc4+	Kg7
13	0-0	Bxd4			

Apparently decisive, but White has a diabolical tactic in his mind's eye.

14	Rf7+	Kg6	15	h5+	Kxh5
16	Rg7!!				



A brilliant coup. The threat is 17 Bf7 mate, and if 17 . . . Bxe3+, 18 Kg2 Qxd1 19 Bf7 still finishes Black off.

16	...	Ne5	17	Bxd4	Ng6
18	Kg2	Rh7	19	Qh1+	Nh4+
20	Qxh4+	Qxh4	21	Bf7	

Checkmate. A colossal performance by a blindfold grandmaster against a sighted player.

The fifth World Memory Championships, which include chess displays, lectures on memory and an attempt to memorise a shuffled pack of cards in less than 40 seconds, take place at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, London, today and tomorrow morning.

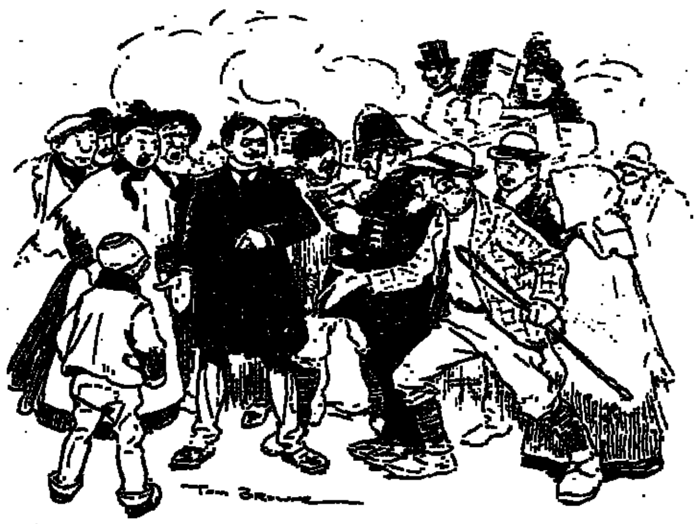
Spectators are welcome. For information ring 0171-836 9112.

READERS are invited to write an amusing caption for the cartoon (right), from *The Strand Magazine* (reproduced with permission from Westminster Libraries, Sherlock Holmes Collection, Marylebone Library).

The cartoon will be printed again next week on the Games page with a caption selected from those submitted.

Send caption suggestions on a postcard with your name and address to: Strand Caption (11), Weekend Games Page, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN.

The Editor's decision is final. The closing date for entries is Wednesday, August 7.



THERE SEEMED TO BE A GENERAL IMPRESSION THAT I WAS TO BLAME

Papa! . . . Nicole?

There were two winners for last week's cartoon caption (above), submitted by R. Sallabank of Yatton, Somerset and D. Brodie of Reading, Berkshire

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By Philip Howard

SERINGUEIRO
a. An Amerindian language
b. A waterproof cape
c. A rubber-gatherer

TIANG
a. A Chinese dynasty
b. A gambling game
c. An antelope

SQUADROL
a. A police van
b. An American officer cadet
c. A jam butty

VAGABONDIA
a. Land of vagabonds
b. A wild purple creeper
c. Headdress with long train

Answers on page 20

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by Robert Sheehan

THE TOUGHEST national event in the world is the trials to select the USA team. More than 20 teams entered this year. The top seed gets a bye into the eight-team knockout stage, and the next six seeds get a bye into the previous round. The seeding is based on performance in other national events.

The Nickell team (Freeman, Wolff, Hamman, Meckstroth and Rodwell), current holders of the Bermuda Bowl, was the number one seed for the second year in a row, and duly made it through to the semi-finals. The other teams in the last four were: Weinstein (seeded two); Zia Mahmood (three); and Robbins (five), a well-regarded team from Chicago not widely known outside the USA.

Robbins created a major upset by beating Nickell in the semi-final. With one set of 16 boards to go Nickell trailed by only 8 IMPs, but Robbins held on to win by 80 IMPs. In the last set Hamman had to find the lead to beat a slam. (See top of next column.)

Hamman was West. It didn't seem to be the occasion for a passive lead, as North was likely to have a source of tricks. Since East could have held a longer minor with a four-card major (Hamman and Wolff play a "canapé" method) Hamman chose to lead a diamond. As you can see, that was disastrous in that it cleared up the problem declarer would otherwise have had on a major suit lead: how to play diamonds for four tricks.

At the other table, where Meckwell were North-South, West jumped to Three Hearts at his first turn. North continued with Four Hearts, but as that was not a jump it was not an unequivocal slam try, but rather simply a suggestion of at least the values to expect to make Four Spades. South had a good hand but not a very good one, and he bid Four Spades. This did not seem such a bad idea when the defence started with three rounds of clubs. It still cost the Nickell team 11 IMPs, where they might have gained 11 if Hamman had made a luckier guess on his opening lead.

Zia Mahmood's team, containing four current world champions, won the other semi-final. They were the favourites in the final, but Robbins again finished up winning by 80 IMPs. Larry Robbins, Jerry Goldfein, Steve Garner, Jack Oest, Gerald Caravelli and Garry Cohler will represent USA in the Olympiad in Rhodes this October.

Dealer East Love-all IMPs

North:
♠Q7654
♥—
♦AK92
♣Q952

West:
♠93
♥J7652
♦J863
♣87

East:
♠J
♥KQ1083
♦754
♣AK106

South:
♠AK1082
♥A94
♦Q10
♣J43

W	N	E	S
—	—	1♥	1♠
2♥	4♥(1)	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Contract: Six Hearts by South
Lead: three of diamonds
(1) Showing good spade support and heart shortage.

COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES

by Tim Wapshott

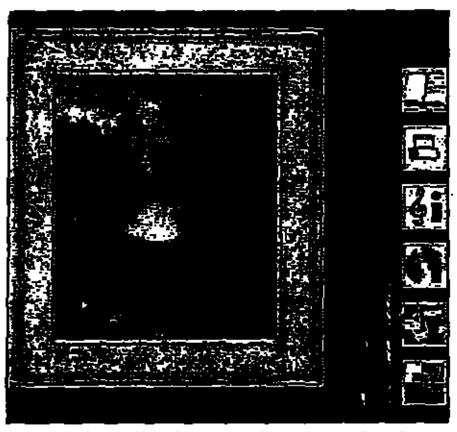
THE MUSIC score to **Fade To Black** adds plenty to the clanking atmosphere of the game, now out for the PlayStation. A futuristic run-around 3D caper from Electronic Arts, the aim is to shoot your way out of the metallic confines of the evil Morph empire. The handset controls take time to get used to but, once mastered, give you extraordinary control of your character. He runs, crouches and sidesteps his way along corridors, beating a haphazard path to the end of each level. Adding to the excitement, and boosting the depth of the scenes, overhead viewing angles constantly change.

Though Fade To Black is not quite up to Doom or Duke Nukem 3D standards, it is a satisfying outing in an alien world. The game serves up a host of options, including three difficulty settings. The only drawback to the title is that, unless you are able to play the game in its entirety in a single sitting, memory cards are essential to save your progress.

At the end of 1923, the American band leader Paul Whiteman asked George Gershwin to write a new jazz work suitable for the concert hall. At first George was slow to get started on the piece until he read in a newspaper that work was well under way and quickly knuckled down to the job in hand. The project — called American Rhapsody — was conceived on a train journey, explains the **Attica Guide to Classical Music**, and Gershwin envisaged a "musical kaleidoscope of America", until later switching the title to *Rhapsody in Blue*.

The CD-Rom is a splendid introduction to music, packed with notes on more than 60 composers and their compositions. The home screen cleanly divides the title into sections — introduction, composers, compositions, timeline, performance and a comprehensive index and glossary.

The detailed timeline opens with Henry Purcell (organist at Westminster Abbey in 1680 when he was 21) and closes with Philip Glass. In the main, the works of many of the composers are satisfyingly illustrated with audio excerpts. Those whose works are not sampled tend to be mostly the contemporary composers, such as Glass, Birtwistle, Messiaen, Walton, Tippett and Stockhausen.



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Here the background notes tend to be much more detailed than the Attica guide. For example, Gershwin was plagued by such self-doubt that he sought out Maurice Ravel in Paris for lessons. Ravel's response was to ask: "Why do you want to be a second-rate Ravel, when you are a first-class Gershwin?" The 20 titles in the series include music by a dozen composers and sell for £4.99 each. But be warned, if you have an NEC CD-Rom drive you may encounter problems loading the data files in Windows. If so, contact NEC direct, which can resolve the hiccup.

This is the last call for **Cyberspace Twenty-Five**, which is open to all readers aged seven to 13 and offers three prizes of VTech Pre Computer Power Pads.

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Send your entries, which must include your name, age, address and home telephone number to: Cyberspace Twenty-Five, Computer Games & Pastimes, Weekend, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The closing date for the competition is midnight on Wednesday, July 31. The judges' verdict is final and they will not enter into additional correspondence.

"George [Gershwin] died on July 11, 1937, but I don't have to believe that if I don't want to." John O'Hara (1940).

WINNING MOVES

By Raymond Keene

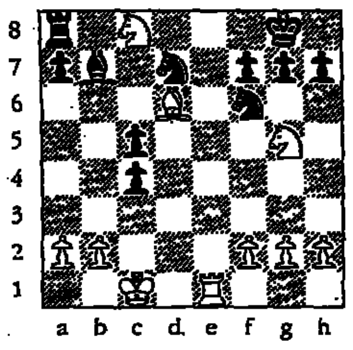
White to play. This position is from the game Karsa - Nemeth, Hungary 1986.

With his last move, White moved his knight to the unusual c8-square. This looks strange but his next move revealed the point of this manoeuvre. How did he continue?

Send your answers on a postcard to *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday will win a British Chess Magazine publication. The answer will be published next Saturday.

Last week's solution: 1 Ng5

Last week's winners: S J Elliott, Whitburn, Tyne & Wear; D Whitmore, Walcot, Wilts; C D Proffitt, Royton, Lancs.



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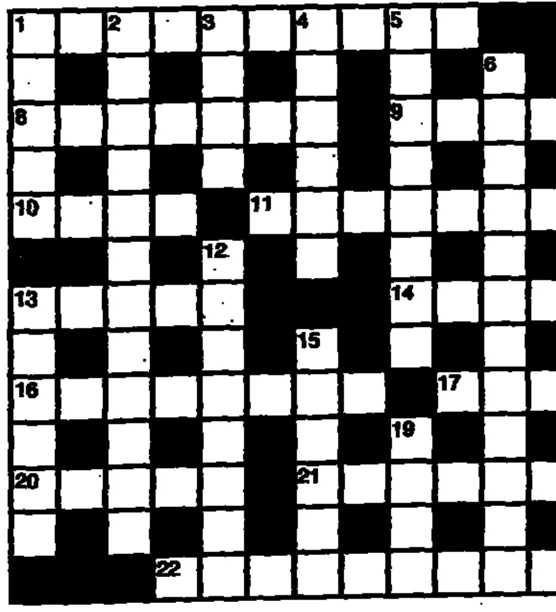

No 851

ACROSS
1 Gibberish incantation (5,5)
8 Game arranged (7)
9 Garden statue; Zurich banker (5)
10 (Military) assistant (4)
11 Toll road (8)
13 Damaged; penniless (5)
14 No. of furlongs in mile (5)
16 Put on (heraldic) shield (8)
17 Overtake; fail to bid (4)
20 Rain/snow mixture (5)
21 Bubble of rubbed skin (7)
22 A secured forward position (10)

DOWN
1 Cosa Nostra (5)
2 Both-sexes tennis game (5,7)
3 Responsibility (4)
4 Advantageous (6)
5 Tyro (8)
6 Increasingly hopeless struggle (6,6)
7 Trickery (6)
12 Glass bottle for wine (8)
13 Chest; reach summit of (6)
15 Veto (6)
18 Excellent violin (abbr.) (5)
19 Rub, scrape (clean) (4)

Solution to No 850
ACROSS: 1 Passport 5 Spit 9 Point of honour 10 Ogre 11 Grenade 13 Alpine 15 Bureau 18 Martlet 20 Fade 23 West Side Story 24 Yale 25 Ganymede
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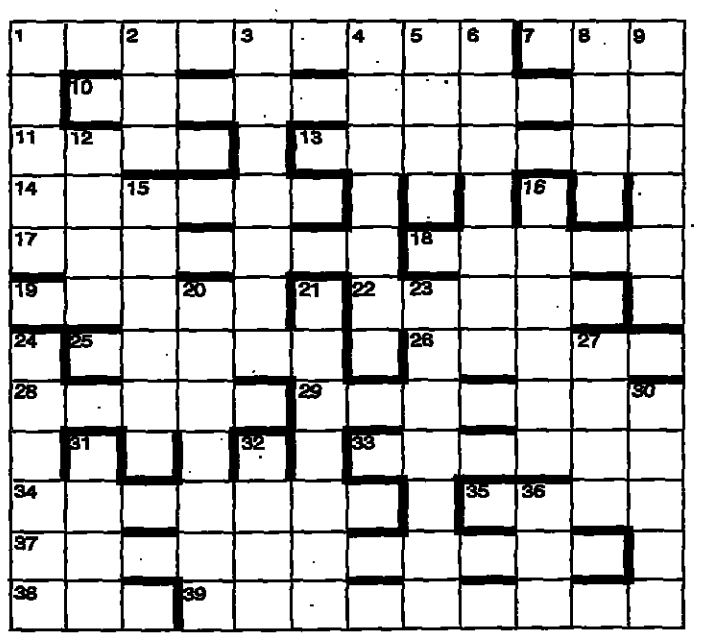
ACROSS
1 Bee, perhaps that devours bits of acacia, cedar and ule (9)
10 Frivolous English doctor ingests proprietary pushed by druggie with Ecstasy (11)
13 South American faded badly, looking sorrowful (7)
14 A Northern Territory ringer enters secluded shebeen (6)
17 Set-aside antipathists purposefully till village's common land (7)
19 Greek character in a delirious state, reportedly, in bar incident (5)
22 Alter ■■ to ■ — delete subsection (5)
25 Enraged fox is mad, half crazed — not half! (5)
26 Newspaper, perhaps at the risk of overspending, swallows dreadful rag (5)
29 Washes 11 American suits following lieutenant's shipping order (7)
33 Remove divisions; support peacekeepers for initial period (6)
34 Research followed and published again (7)
35 Farming people of Japan inhabit mountain uplands (4)
37 Bony fish on eels innards taste awful (11)
38 Channel's letters from obscenity lawyers — two-thirds are regularly ignored (3)
39 Sort of miniature ungulate (and it's no variety of eland) (9)

DOWN
1 Ordinary girl from Perth produces jacquard fabric without equal (5)
2 I love Virgil's desk (3)
3 Remain as partnership (7)
4 One small boy caught fighting, another held responsible (7)
5 Poor Will's appeared second to last (4)
6 Mob runs official ticket-seller (7)
8 Wick's whirlpool and well (4)
9 Editor to distribute grass roll-ups (6)
12 Fastidious travellers take out open carriage commonly (4)
15 White hunter provides evidence without hesitation (6)
16 Top US golfer explains his quip (6)
20 Avifaunas Linnaeus sorts out in Georgia. Quite the opposite! (7)
21 Most boorish fools appear in Art & Culture centres (7)
23 When satellite goes down, after midday there's nothing interesting on TV (7)
24 A supernatural light rises, losing energy, and comes to nothing (6)
27 They remove her text, 'From Here to Eternity' (4)
30 Has a sheep ever thrown up these? (5)
31 Need sex endlessly in local ditch! (4)
32 Three ear-piercing elements in drunken cry (4)
36 Hotel located in religious place of rest? It would be thrown out! (3)



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The winner is J. Daddow of Tenterden, Kent.

The two runners-up are R. Baxter of London SW12, and N. Clare of Nelson, Lancashire.

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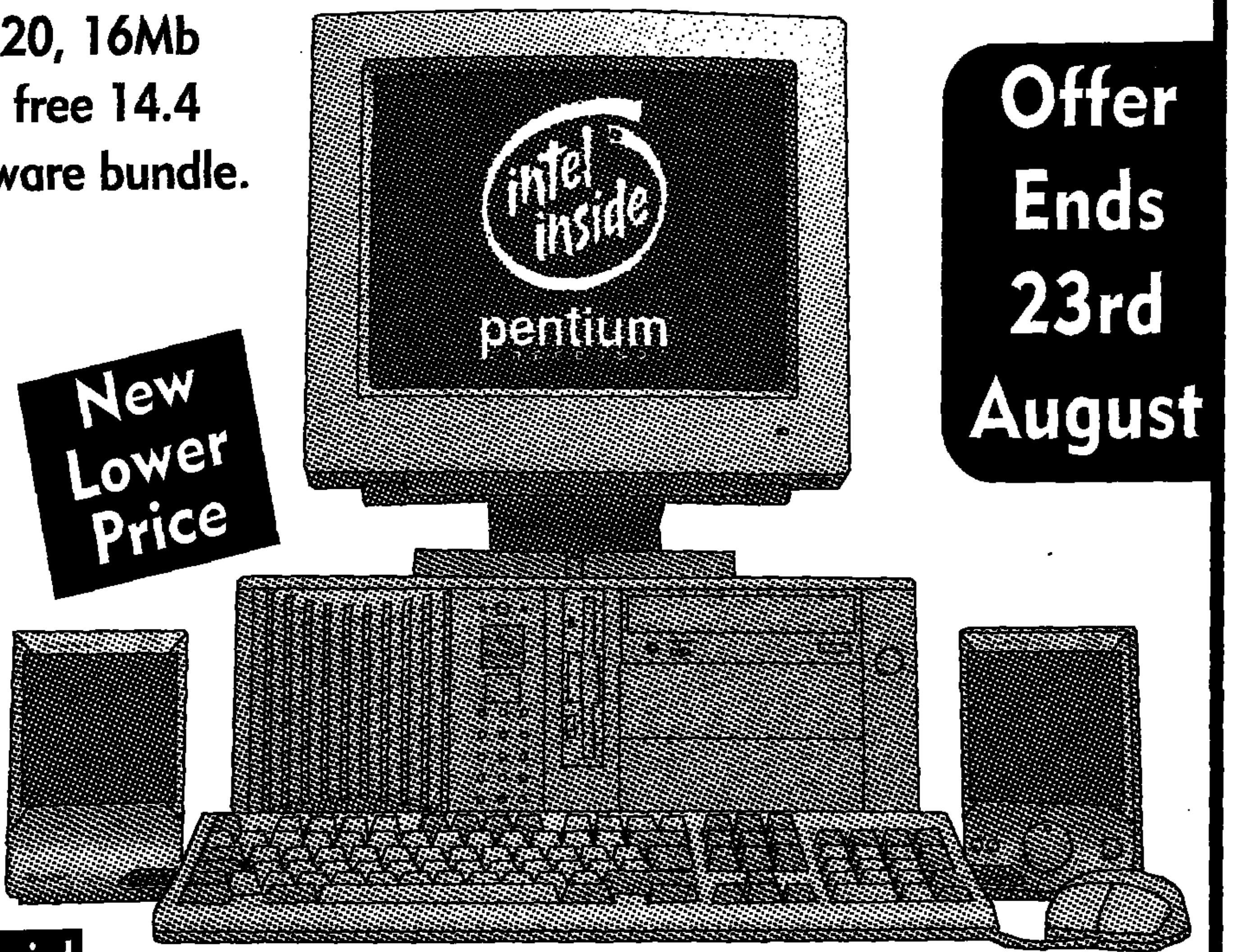

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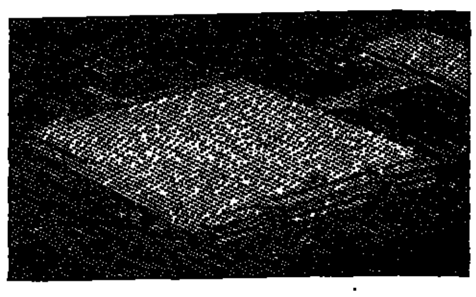

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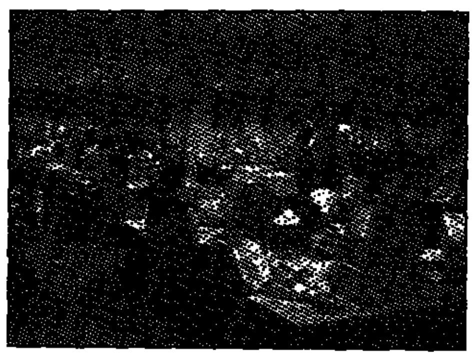

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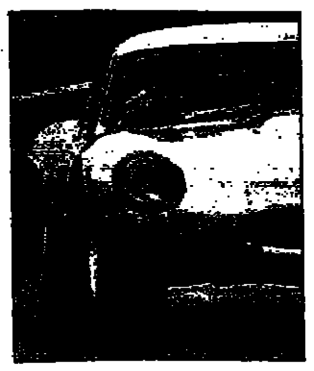

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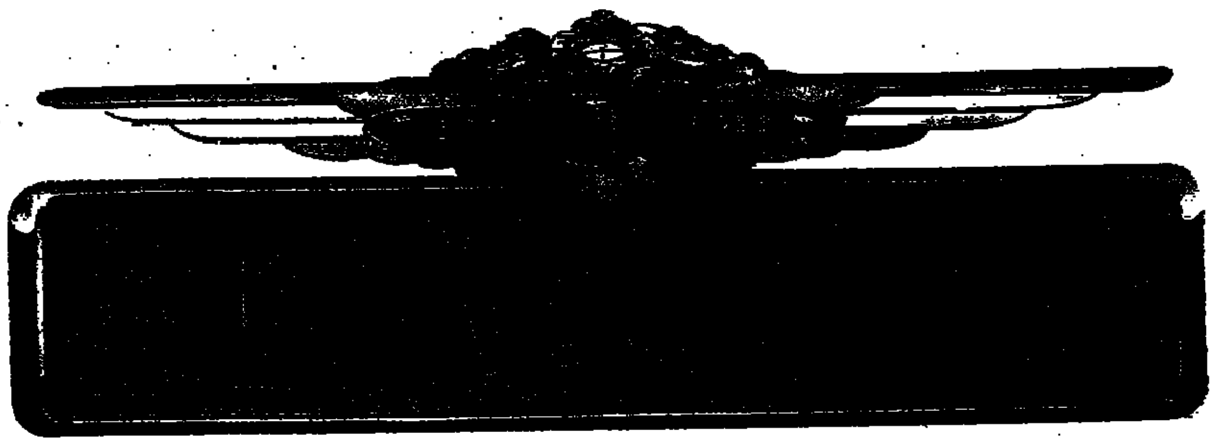

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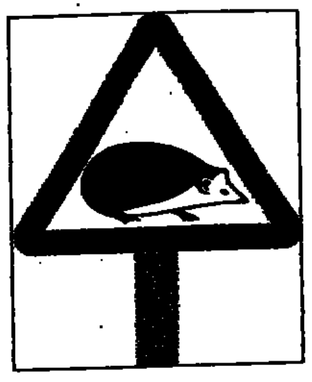
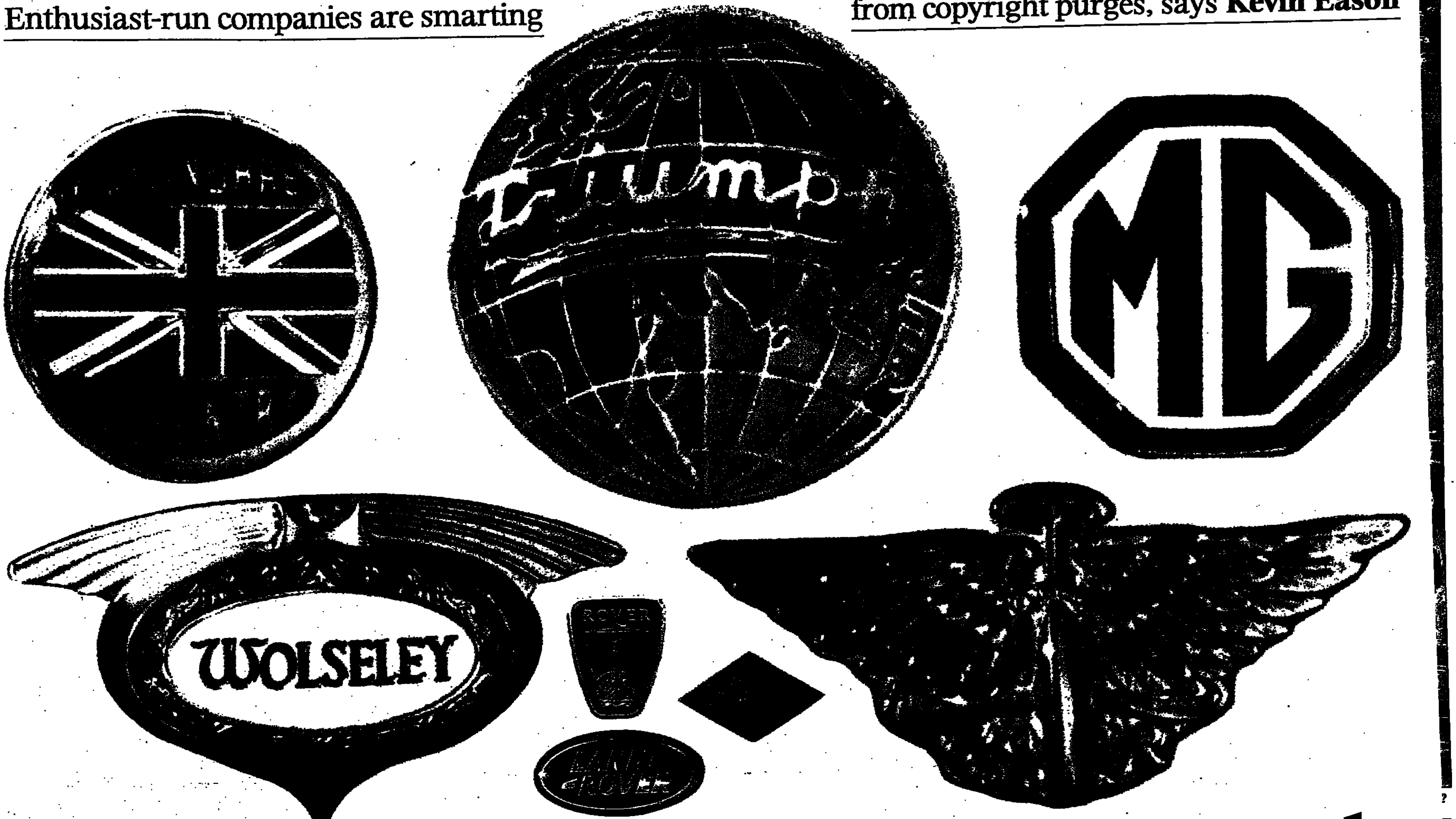


Enthusiast-run companies are smarting from copyright purges, says **Kevin Eason**



Get off my marques, Rover growls

Rover is cracking down on motor traders who have kept alive some of the company's most historic names. The BMW-owned multinational has written to dozens of small garages saying they are no longer authorised to use names such as Austin and Morris, even though Rover has not made cars with those badges for years.

Some small traders — often one or two-man companies who have been working on historic cars for nearly 20 years — have been shocked by threats of legal action and demands to scrap signs, letter headings and catalogues.

Even two of the country's leading Morris Minor dealers have been forced to change their names to comply with the new Rover ruling.

Rover holds the rights to some of the most compelling names in the British motor industry. Austin and Morris were among the founding marques of the industry, which celebrates its centenary this year, while Rover is one of the oldest surviving names.

In the great shakeout of the car business over the past 30 years though, once powerful companies were absorbed and became one powerful grouping. Austin and Morris became the British Motor Corporation which evolved into BLMC and eventually BL. By then, the company had the rights to defunct marques such as Riley, Wolseley, Austin-Healey and Standard. Triumph and MG died out in the 1980s.

BL was apparently less interested in history than in survival. The company was renamed Rover as part of a marketing drive to establish a new, upmarket identity for the newly privatised business, while the other badges, except for Land Rover, were sidelined. By that time, an entire industry maintaining the company's historic names was flourishing and dozens of businesses had sprung up supplying parts, restoring old cars and selling memoribilia. Until now.

Rover has been wading through companies, checking their activities and warning that they will not be able to use products branded with Rover Group names without a licence awarded by the company's British Motor Heritage subsidiary. Some companies are allowed to join Heritage as an approved supplier and, though neither Rover nor traders would give the price of membership, it is thought to be one per cent of annual sales — a fortune for many businesses which exist more on enthusiasm than hard cash.

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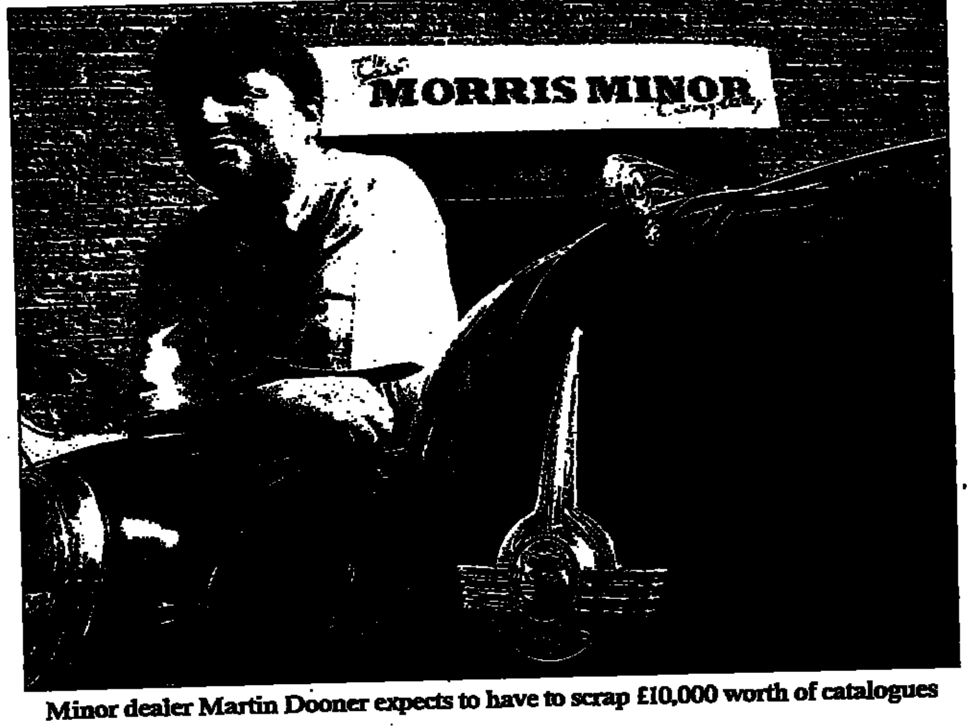

Minor dealer Martin Dooner expects to have to scrap £10,000 worth of catalogues

Dealers — most of whom only want an amnesty to adjust to the changes which could fundamentally affect their firms — say that BMW is behind the crackdown, a reasonable assumption given the interest in Rover's heritage shown by BMW chairman Bernd Pischetsrieder. He has repeatedly said that he wanted to revive names such as Austin-Healey and Riley.

ROVER:
Making cars from 1904, chosen in 1984 for state-owned range, evolving from BMC, BLMC, British Leyland and then BL.
LAND ROVER:
Company founded in 1948.
MG:
Started 1924. MGB Britain's best-selling sports car, though company closed 1980. MGF latest version.
WOLSELEY:
Herbert Austin built first Wolseley in 1899. Last in 1976.
RILEY:
Company founded 1898, gone by 1969.
TRIUMPH:
Motorcycle maker moved into cars in 1923, lost in 1984.
STANDARD:
Name dropped in 1963.
AUSTIN:
Herbert's giant from 1906; last car, Montego, 1988.
MORRIS:
William Morris founded business 1913; last car, Ital, 1983.
AUSTIN-HEALEY:
Specials waiting to be revived.

Rover has in the past made almost no effort to control copyright or intellectual rights to its many names, allowing a mini-industry to grow unchecked. Rover says it is now trying to stamp out infringements of its copyright, particularly for marques which have been brought back or are current, such as MG, Mini and Land Rover. A Rover spokesman says: "There is no problem with people asking for licences. We are happy for them to co-operate with us, but quite a few have not responded to our early approaches and it is those we have been talking to recently."

But the purge has often been as bizarre as it has been strict: the Morris Minor Centre in Bath, one of the most famous suppliers of the cherished cars, was forced to alter its name although the company has been in existence for 20 years and is known world-wide. Charles Ware, the founder, was keeping the marque alive, even though Rover allowed the Morris name to lapse in 1983. Tim Brennan, at what is now Charles Ware's Morris Minor Centre, says: "When they first came on to us we were dumbstruck. We felt bullied in a way and decided we had to have legal advice on what we would be called. They even wanted to approve our new name."

Martin Dooner still does not know what his Morris Minor Company in Doncaster, in business 15 years, will be called. He is also expecting to have to scrap £10,000 worth of colour sales catalogues just printed before the purge.

"Rover Group has never bothered about us before and never showed any interest in cars like the Morris Minor," he says. "Next thing we know, we are involved with the company and lawyers. At first, we thought it was a joke but we have been negotiating for a long time now and it certainly is no joke. We cannot even agree a new name with them."

Dealers in historic Rovers have suffered worst as the carmaker moves to protect its copyright. Jonathan Wadham in the West Midlands describes himself as a cottage industry who deals in Rovers made between 1950 and 1977. He is involved in what seems to be an increasingly bitter legal feud with the company. Gordon Stacey's company, Rover Part of London, has become Motor Part of London at the cost of £5,000 for a new sign which, he was warned, could not contain Rover's maroon. Rover's inspection included a warning not to sell mudflaps bearing the Rover logo.

He says: "I understand their concern for their brands but it is the way it is happening. Rover is losing a lot of goodwill from people like me who have been dedicated to their brand for a long time. All we want is some time to adjust."

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● London

M1 junction 2 closed long-term, including link to A1.

A4 Chiswick; major roadworks on the Great West Road between the end of the M4 elevated section and Sutton Court Road. No entry to the A4 from the Chiswick roundabout.

A100 City; Byward Street down to single lane eastbound at the Great Tower Street junction.

A302 Westminster Bridge; closed from 9pm Friday to 5am Monday. Use Lambeth as an alternative.

A240 Banstead; restrictions on Reigate Road at the junction with Fir Tree Road.

A244 Shepperton; contraflow on Upper Halliford Road. Delays in both directions.

● South East

M4 junctions 10-12; lane closures from 10pm until 6am between Hungerford and Theale taking motorway down to a single lane at times.

A4157 Aylesbury; roadworks with width restrictions at Oakfield Road Canal Bridge.

A423 Banbury; lane restrictions and temporary traffic lights off-peak.

A21 Flimwell bypass; lane closures near the A260 junction.

M20 junction 8; roadworks, with one lane closed.

M25 junctions 6-10; restrictions over the 19-mile stretch.

● South West

M5 junctions 17-20; lane restrictions both ways between Bristol West and Clevedon, especially over the Avonmouth Bridge with a 50mph speed restriction.

A3102 Swindon; Mannington roundabout — traffic down to a single lane. Long delays.

A30 Between East and West Stour; traffic reduced to 30mph.

A435 North Cerney; restrictions. Delays during peak periods.

A3027 Taunton; temporary lights at North Street. Major delays in town centre.

● Midlands and East Anglia

A632 near Chesterfield; local diversions on Langwith Road at Bolsover Lane.

A18 Scunthorpe; Queens Way down to a single lane eastbound.

M180 junctions 5-4; contraflow with two lanes eastbound and one westbound between Barnetby and Scawby.

A500 Stoke on Trent; roadworks on The Queensway from Talke to Porthill, with one lane open in both directions.

A4123 Oldbury; off-peak daytime lane closures on the Newbury Road at Birchfield Island and on Pound Road at Bleakhouse Road.

● North

A167M Newcastle; roadworks on the central motorway between Jesmond Road and the New Bridge Street roundabout. Delays at peak periods.

M6 junctions 20-21A; Three narrow lanes in both directions near the Thelwall Viaduct, with some slip roads reduced to a single lane.

A6 Clayton Brook; Preston Road closed southbound between Walton Summit Road and Four Oaks. Diversions via Brierly Road, Tramway Lane and Clayton Brook Road.

M62 junctions 33-34; contraflow in operation between Ferrbridge and Whitley Bridge near the A1 junction.

M1 junction 47; major roadworks with lane closures and a 30mph speed restriction around the Leeds junction.

M18 junctions 1-M1; contraflow in operation between Rotherham and Thurcroft. Delays at peak periods.

● Wales

A470 Llyswen; temporary lights at Llangoed Hall.

A550 Between Woodbank and Queensferry; narrow lanes and a 40mph speed restriction for construction of interchange. Delays at peak periods.

M4 junctions 34-35; contraflow with 50mph speed restriction.

A472 Pontypool; lane closures and contraflow between the Heron roundabout and Pontymoile.

A482 Aberaeron Upper Bridge closed with vehicles being diverted via A487 with temporary lights at the Panteg Road junction. Lengthy delays.

● Scotland

A90 Aberdeen: restrictions on roundabouts both sides of the Bridge of Dee.

M8 junction 15; Westbound traffic restricted to three narrow lanes at the Townhead junction. Stirling Road westbound on-ramp is closed, along with the Castle Street eastbound off-ramp.

A77 Malletsheugh; lane closures in both directions.

A761 Ralston; contraflow on Glasgow Road between Tynley Road and Penille Road.

A725 East Kilbride Expressway; westbound off-ramp to Main Street, Blantyre closed, with diversion via the slip-road to Hamilton.

● Northern Ireland

Ballymena; construction work on the Northern Distributor Road at North Road.

A55 Belfast; Upper Malone Road closed to through traffic between Drumbeg Road and Dunmurray Lane.

M1 junctions 10-11; traffic restricted to the hard shoulder in both directions with 50mph speed limit.

A21 Comber; restrictions on Hillsborough Road.

A22 Downpatrick; Old Belfast Road closed from Strangford Road to Quoile Road, with diversions.

A5 Milltown; various lane closures on Strabane Road with temporary lights between Sion Mills and Newton Stewart.

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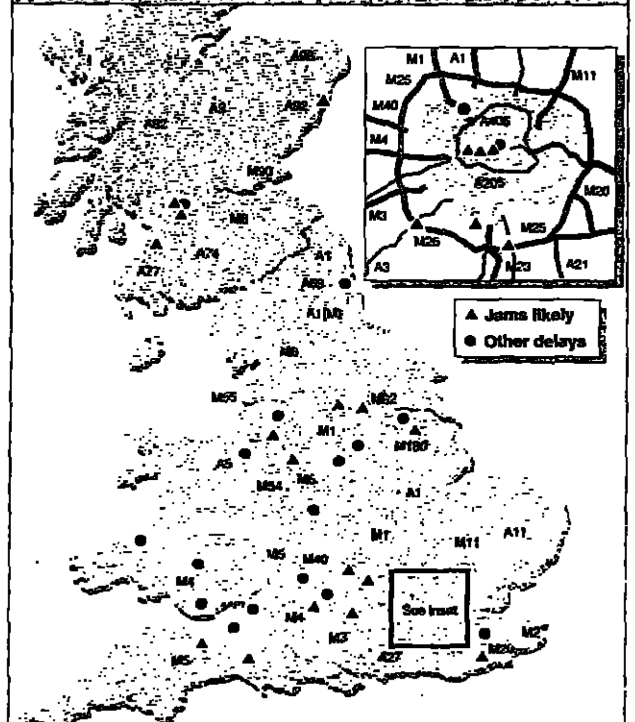

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Three-lane roads are death-traps for the innocents and the reckless alike. They must be replaced — and quickly

Holiday roads to the cemetery

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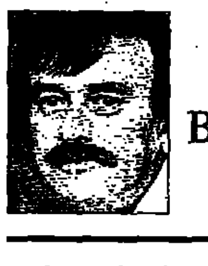

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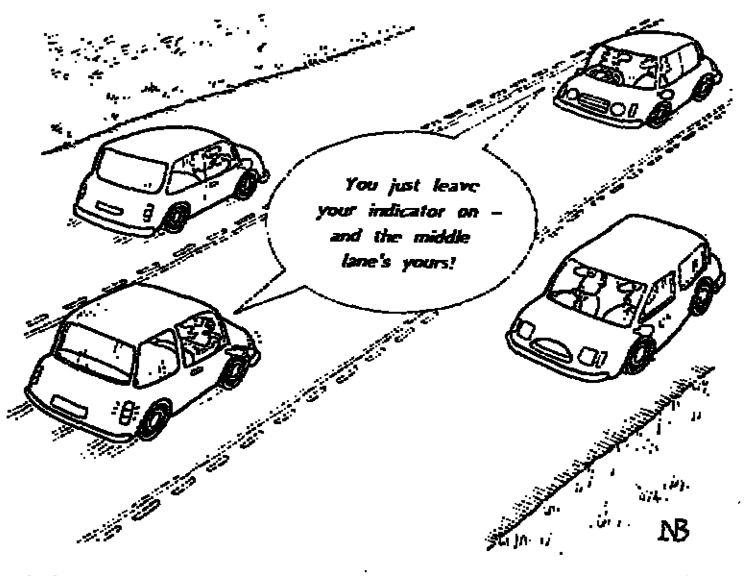

You just leave your indicator on – and the middle lane's yours!
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August is a wicked month on the roads, especially those that lead to holiday spots. This is when millions of people who are in daily contact with motorways and dual carriageways find themselves on unfamiliar twisty bits of A and B road.

Last week on the A38 at Notter Bridge in east Cornwall, one of the busiest roads in the country at this time of year, there was an horrific accident which killed four people.

The accident happened on a three-lane stretch of road, and you may not be surprised to hear that 11 people have now died on this stretch in the past 17 years. Local people have long campaigned for a dual carriageway and thought they had won, only for the Government to scrap the scheme when it took a knife to road-improvement plans last year.

My point is not about this road, but that three-lane roads in general are dangerous and the Department of Transport ought to be giving the highest possible priority to getting rid of them.

The thinking behind three-lane roads was that they would be useful in hilly areas, which is why they seem to occur most in popular tourist areas. There would be two lanes on the uphill side, the inside one for slow moving traffic.

This made perfect sense. Unfortunately the idea has been extended to places where the total road width is enough for three lanes (but not four). Even worse, there are some cases where an overtaking option appears to exist for traffic in both directions.

I have encountered three-lane roads which consist of two lanes separated by a broken white line and a third which has a broken line nearest the driver with a solid line alongside it. Paragraph 85 of the Highway Code says, "Where there are double white lines ... and the line nearest to you is broken, you may cross the line to overtake if it is safe." I take the view that any road layout which depends on the judgment of drivers as to what is safe has an inherent flaw. My overtaking, like yours, is of course brilliant: other people are the ones who can't overtake for toffee. So "provided it is safe" is a phrase which invites subjective judgment.

I sense that the proliferation of motorways and dual carriageways, so beneficial in most ways, has blunted our overtaking skills. There is no better place to see the effects of this than a three-lane road.

Stand on the verge near the end of one of these stretches for an hour or two and you will see a breathtaking range of human folly. The huge white arrows on the tarmac for hundreds of yards before the road reverts to two lanes might as well be the scribblings of a toddler for all the notice some people take.

They reckon they can get past just one more lorry, just one more caravan, just one more little old lady in a Fiesta. Thus they arrive at the single carriageway section still in the middle of the road, which by now is the wrong side of the road, and everyone inside them has to slam on the brakes to save their lives.

You may say that this is hardly the fault of the people who build roads. This would be all right if the only people who died in accidents were the ones who caused them.

The reality is different. So let us get rid of these killer roads. The best solution would be to lift the near-blanket ban on dual-carriageway building and allow them to be built where safety considerations are the overriding factor. Given that such a move is unlikely anytime soon, we should for now confine third lanes to slow traffic on uphill sections, with a crash barrier restricting downhill traffic to a single lane.

Until that happens, the old aphorism about three-lane roads applies: one takes you there, one takes you back and the middle one takes you to the cemetery.

Key catch in theft cover

Insurance companies are refusing to pay out if you leave the ignition keys in the car, reports Tony Dawe

Hungry after a long day, Simon Collins, an oil company executive, stopped at a service station in semi-rural Surrey to buy a snack. Pondering over what to eat, he looked up to see that his BMW 5-series saloon had disappeared: stolen.

Worse was to follow. After two months' deliberation, his insurance company refused to pay out for the car valued at £11,500. It accused him of failing to take "reasonable care to safeguard his property", because Collins had left the car keys in the ignition.

His insistence that he had left the car for only a matter of seconds, had chosen a service station with a quick till for food purchases and could hardly expect a thief to strike made no difference.

Collins believes he is a victim of "sharp practice in the insurance industry" and is planning an appeal to the insurance ombudsman. His chances of success appear slim, however, for under current law motorists need an extraordinary reason for leaving their keys in the car if they are to persuade insurers to meet a theft claim.

"Anyone who leaves keys in the ignition is off to a bad start," says insurance ombudsman's spokesman Michael Lovegrove, but he adds that every case is decided on its merits and there may be extenuating circumstances.

Collins says: "The insurance world is out of touch with people's expectations, but if this is what it believes, it should spell out the message more clearly. Appropriate wording should be included in the terms and conditions of a policy to convey that leaving a car unattended for *any* length of time with the keys inside means that it will not be covered by the insurance should it be stolen."

Collins's nightmare began on a Thursday evening in spring when he called into a service station at Ewell, near Epsom, Surrey. "The BMW 530 was in full view of the shop but I didn't even have time to choose any food before I looked up and saw that it was gone" he says.

"I hadn't left the car somewhere like Brixton High Street and this is the first occasion in 28 years of driving where I am looking for my insurance company to pay out."

Collins had dealt with AA Insurance Services which had found him a policy with GAN. Two months after he had seen his car for the last time, he received a letter from P. F. Kerby, GAN's UK claims manager, who told him, "We must consider this to be a very clear breach of condition five of the policy, whereby you are required to take all reasonable steps to safeguard your property."

He looked up from the shop: the BMW was gone

Collins says that he never received terms and conditions to go with the policy, only a booklet from the AA and his certificate of insurance. He claims the company has ignored his requests for more information about condition five and he accuses GAN of "being cagey about the contract" and of "wriggling out of its responsibilites". The company denies the allegations.

Neither has Collins obtained any sympathy from the AA, where Becky Hadley says: "This case flags up the public's expectation that insurance companies will pay out in any circumstances, but frankly there is very little excuse for not locking a car and for leaving the keys in the ignition. It's just the same as going on holiday and leaving the front door open."

Current law is based on a High Court ruling in 1989 which was upheld in the Court of Appeal and implied that an insurer could reject a claim only if a policyholder was guilty of gross or blatant negligence in looking after his property.

The Insurance Ombudsman has found, however, that motorists who leave car keys in the ignition "must be regarded as reckless of the risk involved" and cannot claim on their policies.

Among the theft claims he has considered and rejected are one from a man whose car was stolen after he went back into his home to collect something, leaving the keys in the ignition, and another from a motorist whose car disappeared after he left it in the garage overnight with the keys inside.

Mr Lovegrove points out a few notable exceptions: an elderly man who had left his car to post a letter and was hit on the head by a villain who then stole his car did win his case; and a motorist who lived in a remote location and had regularly left the keys in the car for 15 years before it was stolen was also recompensed.

"It was decided that after behaving like that for so long without anything amiss happening he was not courting a known risk," Lovegrove says. But the message for motorists, unless they live on Lundy or Eigg, must be: lock up and take the keys whenever you leave your car.

ADRIAN BROOKS

Fobbed off? Collins claims the insurance company was unfair for not warning him about leaving his car keys

Car crime risk drops for most

Cleveland still the worst spot

Cleveland is still the car crime capital of Britain, despite the fact that thefts of cars there last year were down 18 per cent from the peak in 1994, *writes Alan Copps.* Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire, the West Midlands and South Wales are other places where car crime is greatest, according to a survey by Royal Insurance Direct.

But the good news is that overall the trend in car crime continued downwards in 1995. The Government's "hyena" campaign, stressing the need for security and vigilance, gives grounds for optimism that this year's figures will show a further drop.

The autocrime league table is compiled by comparing the number of car crimes, theft of and from motor vehicles, with the local car population to assess the risk in each area.

It shows that in 29 of the 42 police regions in England and Wales car crime was reduced, a national drop of 4 per cent. All three of the most risky areas showed a decrease but not sufficient to shift them down the table. Avon and Somerset, Humberside and Gwent, showed decreases of at least 15 per cent. Avon and Somerset, which headed the table in 1993 has now dropped to eighth.

In contrast, Cambridgeshire with an increase of 24 per cent, Merseyside (17 per cent) and West Midlands (6 per cent) emerged as car crime blackspots.

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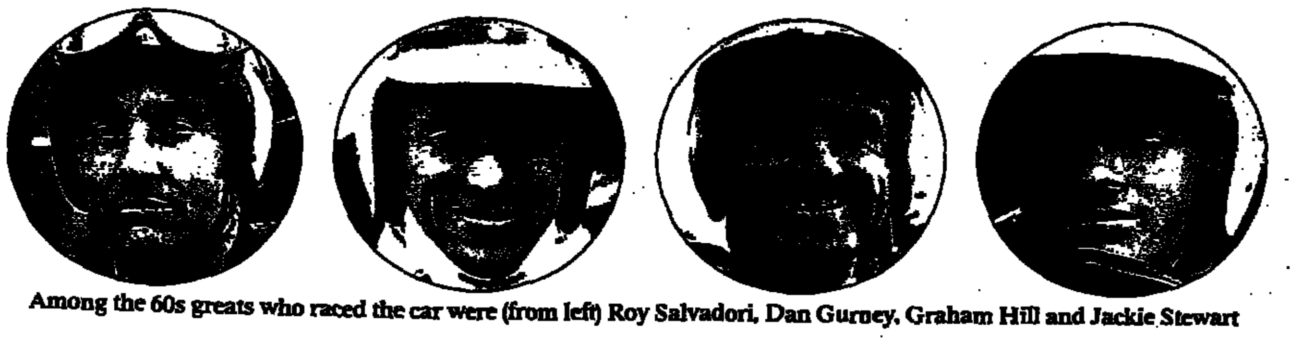
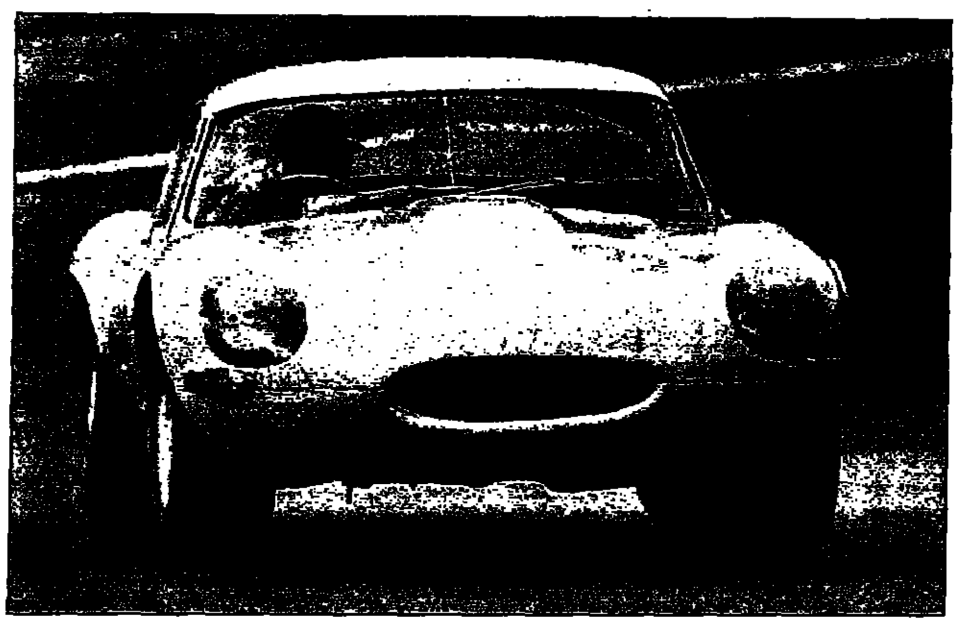

Among the 60s greats who raced the car were (from left) Roy Salvadori, Dan Gurney, Graham Hill and Jackie Stewart

E-Type legend goes under the hammer

When the E-Type Jaguar was unveiled in 1961 it caused a sensation. That sleek shape, so often cited even now as the perfect sports car, just had to go racing. But at the time Jaguar had no works team, the glory days of Le Mans in the 1950s were a receding memory.

So it was private entrants, that eccentric breed who made the racing scene of the 1950s and 1960s so colourful and varied, who took up the challenge. One of these men, John Coombs, became the first customer to take delivery of an E-Type in April 1961 and immediately set about establishing the aerodynamic Coventry car as a serious rival to the Ferraris and Aston Martins which held sway in sports car racing.

That car, 4 WPD, became the first Lightweight E-Type, tuned and prepared for racing, with the help of the factory's competition department, yet still a road car under the skin. In the story of racing E-Types it is regarded as 'First Among Equals' and today it is being offered for sale at the Coys Festival auction at Silverstone with a guide price of up to £550,000 — an astonishing price for a car which, when it went on sale, was hailed as the "first affordable grand tourer" and cost just £2,097.


The car was converted in 1962 to an aluminium body, as the first Lightweight E-Type

This is the E-Type to die for, driven by more famous names than any other at a time when sports car and GT racing became a battle for supremacy between the "big cat" from Coventry and the "leaping horse" from Maranello. It only just won its claim to be the first E-Type delivered, since it was driven from the Coventry factory to Coombs's team base at the Oulton Park circuit in Cheshire in company with another E-Type destined for Tommy Sopwith's Equipe Endeavour. The driver of the second car stopped for a chat with a friend just as he entered the circuit and so Coombs's car was the first to be handed over.

In its first race at Oulton Park, in virtually standard form, it was driven to third place by Roy Salvadori in a contest won spectacularly by Graham Hill in the Sopwith car. Salvadori went on to win other races in its first season. The following year in the hands of Graham Hill it gave the legendary Ferrari 250 GTO a run for its money, but the Italian car, built for competition, had the edge over what was a production road Jaguar. In the winter of 1962, 4 WPD turned into the first Lightweight, with aluminium replacing its steel body and power boosted to 344bhp. In Hill's hands it proved unbeatable in British events the following year. It was test-driven by Jack Brabham and raced by the great American driver Dan Gurney.

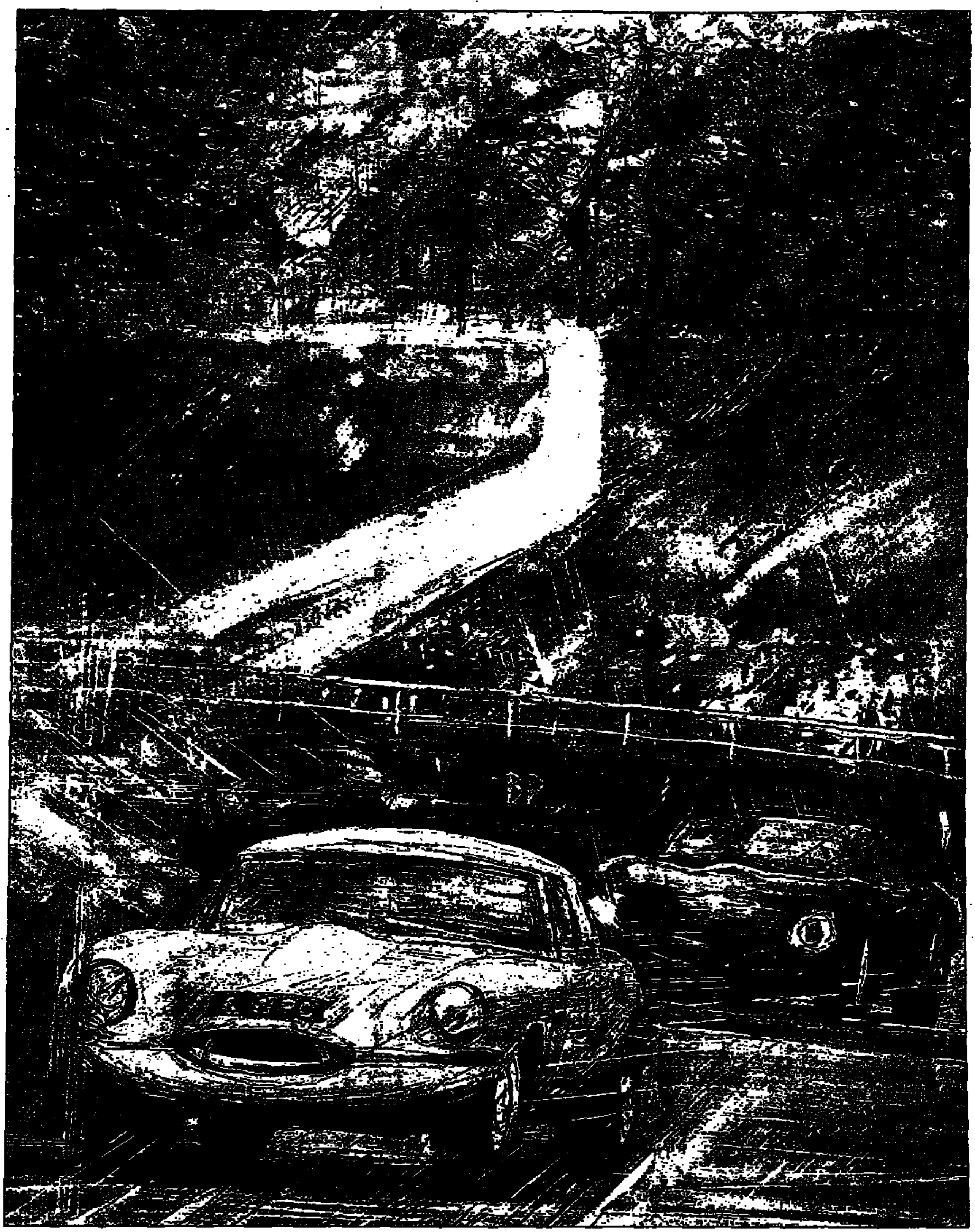
In its fourth season of racing, when new challenges emerged from the Ferrari 250LM and the mighty AC Cobra with its huge American V8 engine, John Coombs was persuaded by 'Lofty' England, head of Jaguar's competition department to give a new young driver a chance in it.

Jackie Stewart won his first race in 4 WPD at Crystal Palace, a notable showing of the early promise that led eventually to three world drivers' championships. The following year, in the hands of another promising youngster Brian Redman, who went on to become one of the great sports car drivers of the era, it won 21 races. Then after one more season of club racing it was stored for the best part of 23 years and is remarkably original.

It is a perfect centrepiece for a sale which forms part of a three-day programme of historic racing dedicated to keeping alive the entertaining spirit that characterised that bygone era and contrasts so strongly with the ruthless professionalism and sponsorship that dominates today's top-level events.

The auction contains a number of other cars which would be perfect for the Coys style of historic racing — which is one of the fastest developing areas of motor sport and ranges from pre-war racers to last year's cars. There is a 1936 Maserati 6 CM driven to a notable series of victories by Count Trossi; a 1937 HRG which won its class at Le Mans in 1939 and one of the earliest Ferraris ever made, a 1947 166 Spider Corsa which is estimated to attract bids of around £300,000.

Road cars include a 1949 Alfa Romeo once owned by film star Tyrone Power and a rare Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing from 1956, while among later models there is a Jaguar XJR-15, the roadgoing version of the car that won Le Mans in 1988, a rebodied Ford GT40 — another roadgoing Le Mans winner, and the Lister-Jaguar Storm GTi which ran at Le Mans last year.


If you don't have £550,000 for the real Jaguar, how about Francesco Scianna's oil painting of it for around £2,000?

COYS FESTIVAL

■ **THE COYS** International Historic Festival attracts more spectators to Silverstone than any other event apart from the British Grand Prix. Today and tomorrow there are 15 races for cars ranging from pre-war grand prix machines to historic racing saloons.

■ **FEATURED** marques include MG, which has its own race, the Abingdon Trophy, on Sunday morning. Stirling Moss will be at the wheel of an MGB, 6 DBL, which won the *Autosport* championship in 1963. He faces a strong challenge from its sister car, 8 DBL which will be driven by former British Touring car Champion Frank Sytner.

■ **MOSS** is one of the two fastest drivers ever in an MG. Nearly 40 years ago he claimed five international class speed records in the experimental car EX181, at up to 245mph. As well as the Sunday race there will be track parades of landmark MGs on both days.

■ **THE OTHER** featured marque is Brabham. The largest collection of these cars ever gathered will parade around the track to mark the 30th anniversary of Sir Jack Brabham winning the Formula One World Championship.

■ **FOR THE** first time, this year's event has attracted the sponsorship of Chrysler which has promised support for the next five years. There will be a display of historic Chrysler cars and demonstrations of the awesome Viper sports car.

■ **THE CIRCUIT** will feature a specially reconstructed version of Vale Corner, a sweeping left-hander considerably faster than the sharp version on the current GP circuit.

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Family race team that's four-fifths female

Vaughan Freeman on the girl fanatics weaned on classic competition machines

Having their baby bottles heated on the radiators of their parents' cars was the somewhat eccentric introduction to the world of classic motor racing for Alex, Tania and Erika Pilkington.

A few years on, having put the baby bottles behind them, the three Pilkington sisters are now more at home behind the steering wheel of famous historic grand prix cars than sitting in the shadow of the engine having their lunches warmed. This weekend all three, together with their father Richard, and mother Trisha acting as team manager, will be racing at the Silverstone track as part of the Coys Historic Festival motoring weekend.

Alex, 26, and Tania, 30, will be at the wheel of the Alfa Romeo 1750 Tourist Trophy car that won the Irish Grand Prix at Phoenix Park in 1929. They raced the same car at the same event last year with such aplomb that their effort was part of the winning team competition, despite being massively outpowered by larger-engined competitors.

'We used to heat their baby bottles on engines'

Erika, Tania's twin, will be co-driving a friend's three-litre 1925 Bentley, while Richard will be piloting his 1950 Talbot-Lago, which five-times world champion Juan Manuel Fangio drove at Le Mans in 1953.

As well as racing one of the dozen or so vintage cars housed in their parents' Totnes Motor Museum, all three girls also run their own classics, the newest of which is Tania's 1978 Alfa Romeo Spider. Erika is to be seen in a more elderly Austin Seven Ulster, and Alex in her diminutive 1934 Riley Imp.

How did it all start? Alex, who drives a Mini Moke for her everyday transport and works as a public relations consultant in London, says: "We didn't have any choice in it really. I remember coming home from school and us all being piled into the car with the tent and the oily T-shirts.

"We had to learn how to fix the cars because we were always told that we could only bend them if we knew how to mend them. The first car I drove was the Austin Seven that Erika has now, when I was eight. I was told that I could drive it when I could reach the pedals, and came back with three cushions and a jerry can to boost me so I could reach them."

The venture ended in dismay when the car lurched backwards, denting the rear. "We also used to drive a half-sized electric Bugatti up and down the museum. It was just such fun there was no choice in not doing it. Perhaps if we had all been boys we would think twice about it."

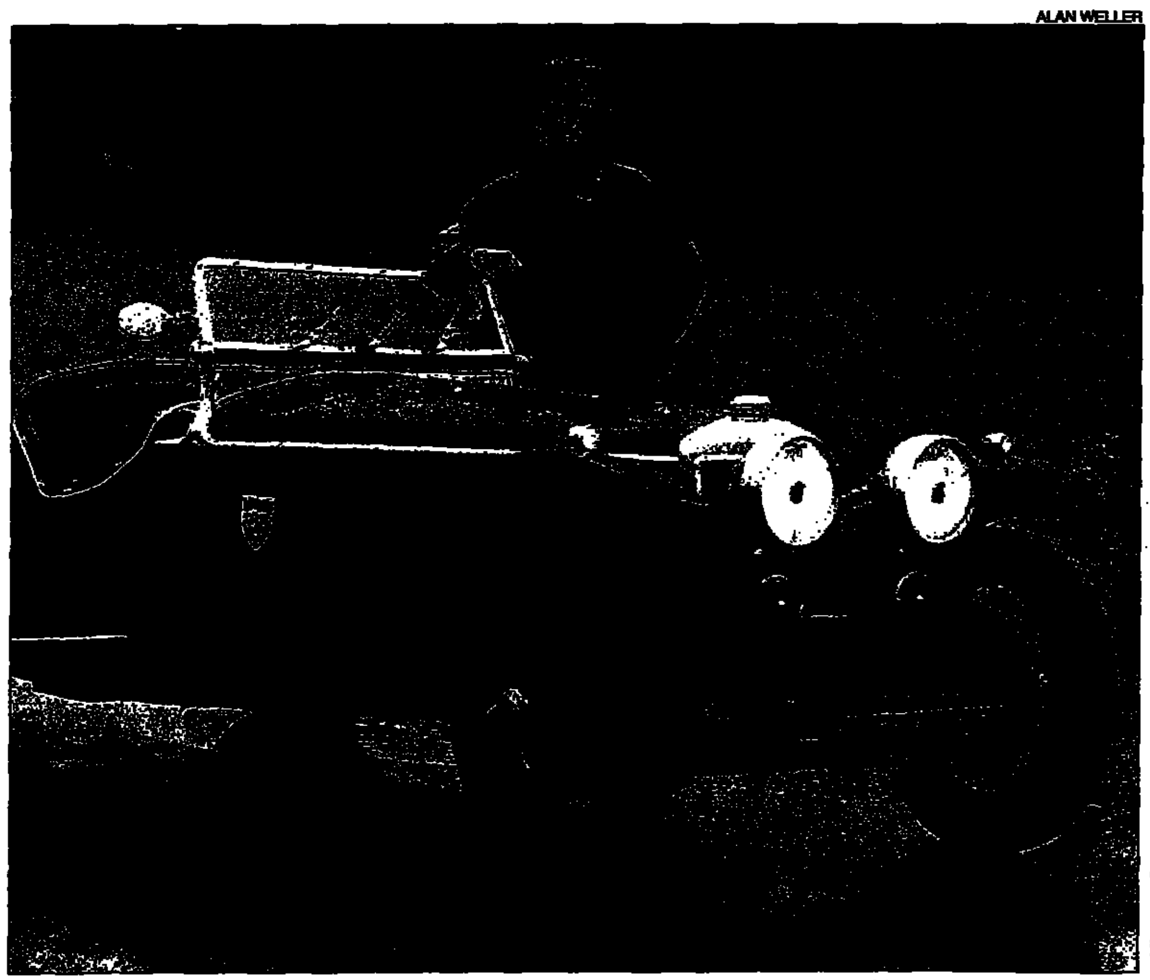
Alex raced first when she was 19 at Silverstone but also enjoys longer trips, such as a rally through France in the Austin Seven with Erika. "We were doing our pathetic female bit and letting people help us. Then somebody spotted us taking the cylinder head off and the game was up. We didn't get much more help after that. People are very helpful though and there are lots more women involved in the sport than most people might think. Like us, their families have been involved in it for a long time and they too get involved."

While Alex concedes that her father Richard and mother Trisha are more than generous in allowing their high-speed daughters to race cars from the museum collection, there is still one car that Alex has yet to get her hands on, her father's Fangio Talbot-Lago.

"I have been trying to get into that car but none of us have been allowed to get close to it yet," she says. "I'm aware that it is incredibly heavy but I think mostly he's worried about letting one of us drive it in case we go faster than him."

So for now, Alex is content with her Riley Imp. "I use the Mini Moke to drive to work in but, instead of buying a house, I persuaded my parents to part with the Riley Imp which is a lovely little car, though not big enough to sleep in and it's not really a racer."

ALAN WELLER


Alex Pilkington with her 1934 Riley Imp: "It's a lovely little car, though it's not big enough to sleep in."

Trisha recalls: "Initially, I don't think Erika and Tania thought that the motor racing was anything out of the ordinary because it was just a way of life for them. We would go to events when they were just babies and we would all be staying in the tent and I remember we used to heat their baby bottles on the radiators of the cars.

"It was our way of life and I don't think they thought anything more about it. They all got involved eventually though, and went into hock to buy their own cars.

"They all do their own mechanical work on the cars themselves and they can all change engines and head-gaskets and that sort of thing. All of them are very good mechanics, and I am pretty sure now that we are the only family that has five people in it racing, of which four are girls."

This weekend Trisha will be reluctantly forsaking her usual place, which would be at the wheel of her 1932 Alfa Romeo Monza, to be promoted — "or relegated, I don't know which" — to team manager.

She will also spend her time hosting visitors to her TOPS tent, the organisation run by the Pilkingtons to provide fun race events for enthusiasts and whose sponsors include Alfa Romeo, Michelin the tyremakers and French garage firm, Ecurie Cathare.

Sadly, one element of the Pilkington's all-consuming love affair with vintage cars comes to an end this year after more than a quarter of a century. In its peak times, as many as 40,000 visitors annually visited their motor museum in Totnes. Come October though the doors will close for the last time and they will sell off much of the collection, including motorcycles and automobilia as well as the cars; from Bentleys and Rolls-Royces to a Jaguar XK120, Alfa Romeo Giulietta, Wingfield Jaguar D-Type and a Riley Lynx Sprite.

Trisha says: "We will keep all the cars we race and the ones we are particularly attached to, like the Alfas and Talbots. Otherwise I don't know where we will put everything. We only opened the museum because the attic was full and it's still full, so it will have to go somewhere."

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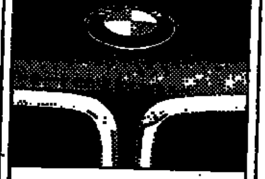

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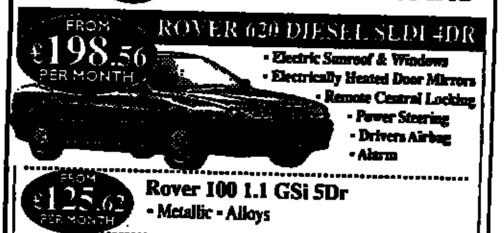

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BMW's new 5-series: too clever by half

QUADRANT

It took a couple of hours, but I found it — the fault. You see, BMW's new 5-series is so damn near perfect that the challenge became to find one thing, just one thing wrong with it.

I had four hours of whizzing along rural French roads in the two variants — the entry-level 520i and the muscular 540i — gradually settling into a reverie as I listened to those glorious engines and prodded the dashboard switches.

But it was all a bit too easy. Give a motoring correspondent an even break, chaps: I have to find 829 words to fill out this space and what am I supposed to write about when the car is faultless? A man needs a few glitches to get into his stride and there are precious few jokes in perfection. Neither is there any hope for a piece which gushes furiously all over the Germans a month after that penalty shoot-out.

But there is no alternative: praise in heaps it must be, I'm afraid. So, dear reader, feel free to turn to page seven if it all becomes too much for you or prepare to cringe, for I am about to gush without mercy or shame (and without so much as a decent BMW-provided lunch to inspire me on this occasion).

BMW changed 12,571 components (someone in Munich obviously got a calculator for Christmas) to build an all-new car for the latest 5-series, and the results are stunning. Don't take my word for it, because just about everyone who has driven anything from the range drools, and many consider the 5-series the best car in the world. Even better than a Mercedes E-class? Or a junior Jaguar? No doubt about it: the 5-series is simply fantastic.

The styling is gorgeous, the interiors cossetting, the equipment levels astonishing, the drive wondrous, the engines fabulous ... er, I think I will have to go for a cold shower and a lie down.

The new six-cylinder two-litre — which will be the base car in the range — is the best in its segment, the engine plenty powerful for impressive acceleration and a happy and unstrained cruising speed. BMW says that new tyres containing silica tread not only knock 2 per cent off fuel consumption — helping the 520i to an average 31 miles to the gallon — but also reduce noise by 33 per cent. The car is mightily quiet and relaxing at motorway speeds with no wind noise and little tyre roar, the engine just giving a comforting growl on acceleration.

Everyone who has driven the series drooled

The interiors are a lesson in understated ergonomics: comfortable and easily adjusted seats, good all-round vision, extremely good switches and controls, and a BMW stereo system which should be an award winner for its absolute simplicity.

The feeling of solidity is remarkable: when that door thunks shut, it is like locking the gates on a five-star nuclear bunker, you feel so safe and secure. Apart from standard driver and passenger airbags, cars from September get side-impact bags too, while every car gets anti-skid control and anti-lock brakes as standard equipment just to underline the quality of the safety package.

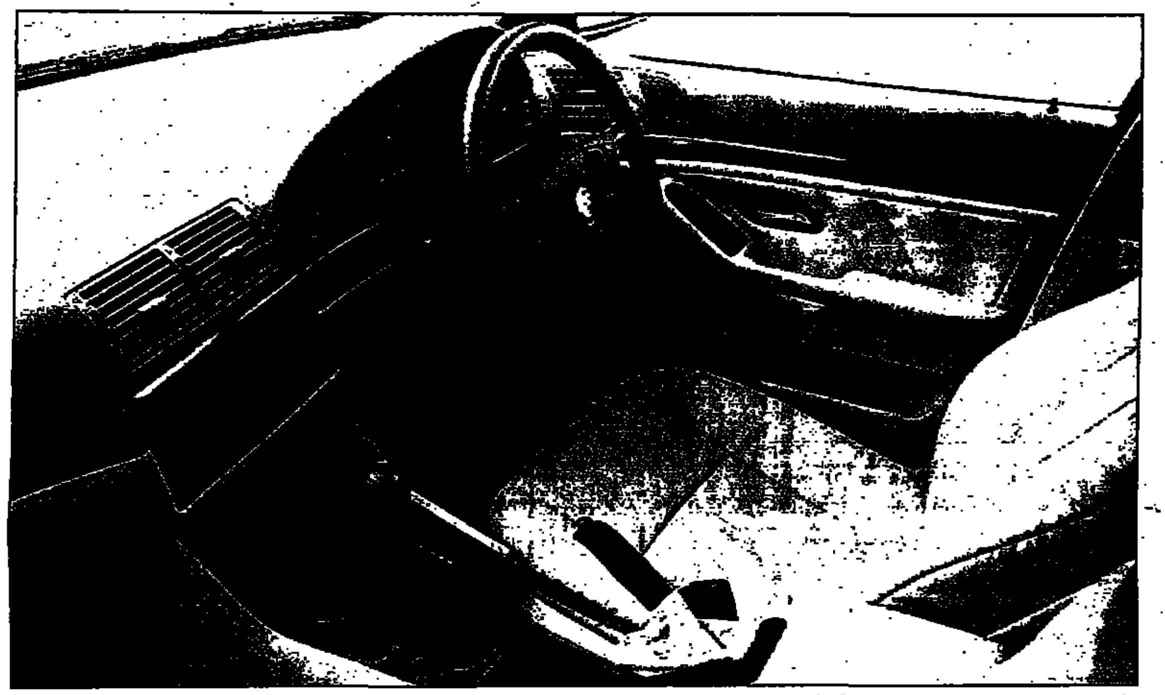
And the driving is wonderful, everything from the steering to the brakes is accurate and measured. If the 520i is clean-cut and good at its job, a sort of Roger Black of the car Olympics, the new 4.4-litre is all power and controlled aggression, a Donovan Bailey, the new 100 metres world record holder, sculptured in metal.

The 540i comes with either a six-speed manual or BMW's latest automatic box, which incorporates its five-speed Steptronic sequential semi-automatic gearbox for drivers who want to slip into sporting mode; just push the gear lever to the left into the Steptronic slot, then push the stick forward to go up the gears and back to go down.

The automatic kick-down is incredibly smooth but the Steptronic adds more flexibility and increases opportunities to hear that V8 roar with the judicious use of the right foot.

That's it, then: that's enough praise on one day for any manufacturer, even BMW. The BMW 5-series is a very good car and I am saying no more about it, except to add that those of you lucky enough to have £23,000 or more to spend should hesitate no longer and get yourself straight down to your local BMW dealer and order a 5-series now before they sell out.

What? Oh, the fault. What about the fault, the editor asks. Uhm, the entrance to the boot is not very wide. Well, it's not narrow but it doesn't seem very wide to me, anyway. That's it, that's all I could find to pick an argument with. Not very good is it? But I'm doing my best. It's not my fault ...



The interior is an ergonomics lesson: easily adjusted seats, good all-round vision and excellent controls

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Stopped in the nick of time

James Luckhurst joins in an advanced police drivers' training course

RICHARD SOWERSBY

Police set up a "static-stop" roadblock to seal off a motorway and intercept offenders

Police chases may look great on TV dramas, but the real-life problem of stopping a fleeing criminal is a lot more complex, as the tragic case of the policeman who killed nurse Judith Hood during a high-speed pursuit illustrated. The danger of high-speed pursuits has prompted police forces to look long and hard at their tactics, and to devise a package that is safer for everyone: police, suspect and and motoring public.

Inspector Rhys Edwards, of Surrey Police, says: "With our new system, a police driver simply would not turn blue lights and sirens on immediately, to try to reduce the feeling of urgency which can lead to unnecessarily fast driving, whether you're a police officer or a suspect."

On a training exercise with WPC Anne Bradley and driver Dave Ashworth in rural Kent, the team takes up the chase on a "suspect" red Sierra. Kent driving instructor Nick Moon says the driver must keep up with the suspect vehicle, but not take unnecessary risks.

"The question of whether or not to use sirens is in some ways difficult: as soon as you turn them on and a suspect does not *intend stopping*, there's sure to be an immediate increase in speed. Leaving the sirens off keeps the pursuit calmer, but there's little warning to motorists who may be up ahead."

In this instance, Dave and Anne immediately instigate the procedures they've been taught and start thinking about how and when they will stop the suspect. Radio communication with headquarters moments of the exercise beginning, there are plans in hand to bring it to a safe conclusion. Teamwork is vital to the success of the overall scheme developed by Surrey Police and now adopted by 26 forces in Britain.

Blue lights and sirens can start a chain of events

Tactical Pursuit and Containment (TPAC) emerged as a result of various working groups, experiments and recommendations following a dramatic rise in vehicle pursuits in the early 1990s.

"TPAC goes beyond a safe pursuit," explains Inspector Edwards. "The training programme embraces higher-profile marking of our cars, a strong emphasis on teamwork and tactics that are approved by the Association of Chief Police Officers as best practice," says Inspector Edwards.

But no matter how many precautions are taken, the risks of a chase are high. "A pursuit may be over in minutes. During such a short time it is not always possible to marshall the resources necessary to implement TPAC tactics," says Inspector Edwards.

Commander Bert Aitchison of the Metropolitan Police now oversees the training programme for instructors. Although a majority of forces put their instructors through TPAC training, it's not mandatory. The Metropolitan Police is about to start training its

PC Nick Moon and the Stinger

Inspector Edwards points to a dramatic fall in vehicle-related crime since the introduction of TPAC. "We have had 70 real-life pursuit scenarios since TPAC was introduced in Surrey. There have been no injuries and no vehicles written off as a result."

Back in Kent, WPC Bradley-Taylor is describing the scene. are now on the A26 and sirens are being used to warn other drivers that something's going on. "Request permission to deploy Stinger," Bradley-Taylor calls on her radio.

Bradley-Taylor's description of the chase is vital for two reasons: it gives her colleagues information about the speed, direction and possible intentions of the suspect and, as it is being recorded, it can form a vital part of the prosecution evidence in court.

Meanwhile, a few miles ahead, another police officer is removing a large black attache case from the boot of his patrol car and pulling out what looks like a cross between an accordion and a barbed wire fence. This is Stinger, a spiked mat that can be thrown quickly across the path of a suspect vehicle, causing controlled deflation of its tyres to the point where it would be impossible to travel at more than 20 miles an hour. Stinger was developed in the United States and has been used by many forces throughout the UK.

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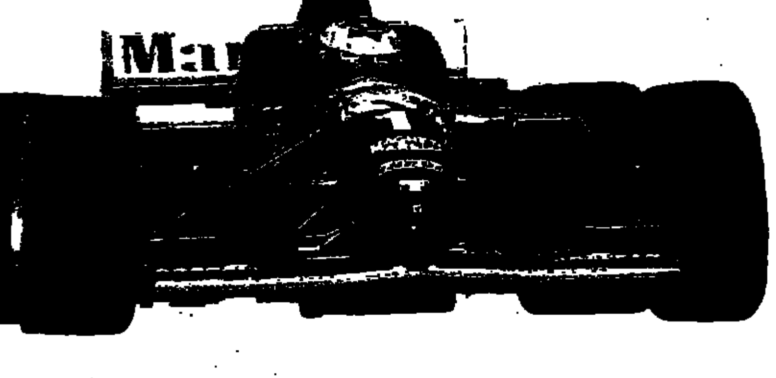
However, there is still some scepticism about conducting so much of the TPAC training on public roads. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents has called for as much off-road training as possible, so that contact with the public is minimised. "The police need to be in a position to protect the public, but there

F1 Fantasy Drive update

THE TIMES F1

Below we print the results of last week's German Grand Prix at Hockenheim, plus the cumulative points in each category for the ten races in our fantasy game so far. Remember, the Australian Grand Prix does not count towards our point scoring system. Also today we print the latest positions at the top of our leaderboard in the race for our £10,000 jackpot which shows the position, number of points to date, team name, and the name of the fantasy team manager. The table shows a clear leader with 5,696 points.

Our tenth race winner for the performance of his team in the German Grand Prix is Mr R Fallows from Burnley, whose team, Brum Burners, scored 581 points. He wins a trip for two to the Belgian Grand Prix on August 25. He was selected at random from those team managers who scored 581 points.



TOTAL POINTS AFTER THE GERMAN GP

	Last race points	Total Fantasy points
Group A		
01 M Schumacher	80	691
02 J Alesi	89	885
03 D Hill	85	875
Group B		
04 G Berger	69	736
05 E Irvine	47	536
06 J Villeneuve	87	944
Group C		
07 D Coulthard	81	836
08 M Hakkinen	30	875
09 HH Frentzen	80	698
Group D		
10 M Brundle	66	699
11 R Barrichello	81	776
12 J Herbert	32	688
Group E		
13 M Salo	80	663
14 P Lamy	73	593
15 P Diniz	29	642
Group F		
16 U Katayama	24	314
17 J Verstappen	4	416
18 O Panis	83	733
Group G		
19 G Fisichella*	0	377
20 R Rosset	80	407
Group H		
21 L Badoer	0	365
22 A Montermini	0	167

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Qualifying points are scored by qualifying for the start of each grand prix within the first 20 positions on the grid: D Hill 20 points; G Berger 19; M Schumacher 18; M Hakkinen 17; J Alesi 16; J Villeneuve 15; D Coulthard 14; E Irvine 13; R Barrichello 12; M Brundle 11; P Diniz 10; O Panis 9; H-H Frentzen 8; J Herbert 7; M Salo 6; U Katayama 5; J Verstappen 4; P Lamy 3; R Rosset 2.

Finishing points Finishing points are scored by the top 20 drivers at the end of every grand prix: D Hill 20 points; J Alesi 19; J Villeneuve 18; M Schumacher 17; D Coulthard 16; R Barrichello 15; O Panis 14; H-H Frentzen 13; M Salo 12; M Brundle 11; R Rosset 10; P Lamy 9; G Berger 8. (No other finishers)

Lap points one point for each lap completed: D Hill 45 points; J Alesi 45; J Villeneuve 45; M Schumacher 45; D Coulthard 45; R Barrichello 45; O Panis 45; H-H Frentzen 44; M Brundle 44; M Salo 44; R Rosset 44; P Lamy 43; G Berger 42; E Irvine 34; J Herbert 25; P Diniz 19; U Katayama 19; M Hakkinen 13.

Improved position points three points for each place improved from starting grid to finishing position: R Rosset 24 points; M Salo 18; P Lamy 18; H-H Frentzen 15; O Panis 15; J Alesi 9; J Villeneuve 9; R Barrichello 9; D Coulthard 6...

01	5,696	Locust	C Dare
02	5,686	J Hunt D1	J Hunt
03	5,679	J Hunt U	J Hunt
04	5,669	Lonsdale Eagles	M Walsh
05	5,648	Wright Track	C Wright
05	5,648	The Simpletons	M Sim
05	5,648	Scab Car	R Howells
05	5,648	The Great 8	M Neathan
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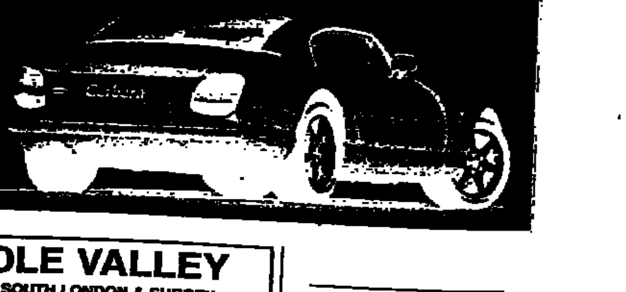

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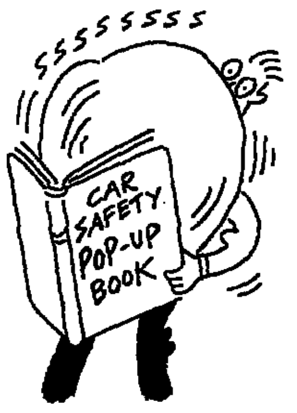

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Reports of thefts have prompted fears for second-hand car buyers' safety, says **Kevin Eason**

Danger alert over airbag snatchers

Car thieves are switching their attention to airbags, Britain's oldest motoring organisation is warning. Evidence is growing that thieves, prevented from driving cars away by sophisticated new engine immobilisers, are now smashing into vehicles to steal valuable contents, such as telephones and stereos. While the number of crimes involving cars being stolen is falling rapidly, thieves still find rich pickings in the cabin.

The RAC has identified a new trend where thieves have broken into cars to steal the airbag from the steering wheel. The organisation believes that thieves sell them on to disreputable breakers or gangs of "ringers" who repair written-off cars for sale to unsuspecting buyers.

The addition of an airbag or a steering wheel with an airbag would help put a higher price on a model on a used-car forecourt. That means some motorists could buy vehicles which are potentially unsafe, believing that they will be protected by an airbag. A stolen airbag is unlikely to work, however, because the mechanism needs more than just the steering wheel unit to function.

Apart from the bag, which fits into the steering wheel, the entire system is governed by a series of electronic sensors in the bumpers, a deceleration sensor which detects sudden braking or impacts, plus a computer within the engine-management system. Without all that equipment, the airbag is useless.

Airbags are the biggest safety innovation of recent times, fitted into the steering wheels of cars and designed to explode in a crash, inflating with 30 litres of gas within 40 milliseconds of impact. The bags, which can also be fitted to passenger compartments, are credited with saving thousands of lives and protecting many more motorists from serious injuries, by cushioning them from the rim of the steering wheel and stopping them being catapulted into the windscreen.

But the explosive device behind the wheel contains eight grammes of nitro-cellulose to propel the gases into the bag. Thieves who tamper with the steering wheel could accidentally detonate the charge, suffering burns and other serious injuries.

The RAC says that thefts have been reported in some of the worst car-crime areas in Liverpool, Newcastle and Manchester. The association has now devised a special repair code for its patrol staff so that the scale of airbag thefts can be logged.

RAC spokesman Peter Brill says, "We are deeply concerned about something which seems to be a new and growing trend. We have traced this phenomenon across the United States and often wondered whether it would make its way to this country.

"The crime is still in its earliest stages and we hope thieves will realise they are wasting their time. There are dangers not only for the motorists involved but for the thieves too because airbags are devices which use a form of controlled explosion to work. Any tampering could have dramatic effects."

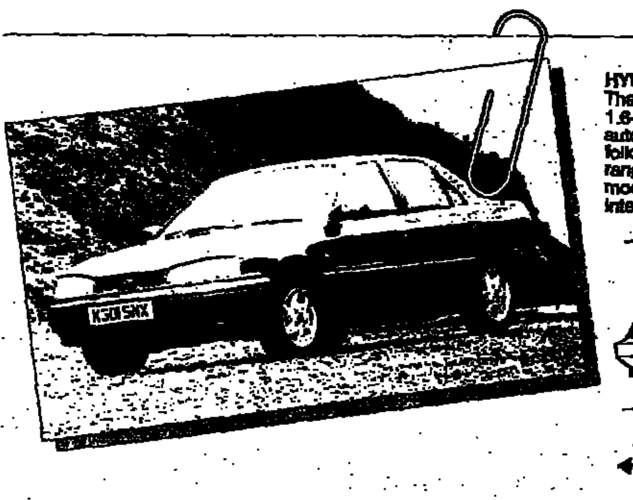
Ford has fitted more than a million airbags to its cars on sale in Britain since 1993, and is warning against tampering with the elaborate electronics and mechanics that control the safety system.

A spokesman said: "An airbag is not just an airbag. The entire system has sensors in the bumpers, a deceleration sensor and a mechanism to inflate the bag. Just to take the bag out of the steering wheel or take the steering wheel with the airbag in it is no good at all. It just will not work.

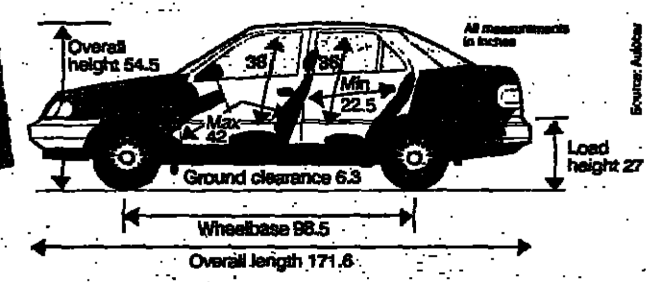
"Motorists who are buying a second-hand car with an airbag should always check the airbag warning light to ensure that it works as part of their check on any second-hand car whose history they are not sure of."

However, the AA is yet to have any airbag thefts reported by its patrolmen and believed that such incidents could be isolated. A spokesman warned: "We do not want to get too carried away and end up advertising a new form of theft. We have heard of the same thing happening in the United States but so far it has not happened here and we do not want it to."

USED CAR BRIEF



HYUNDAI LANTRA 1.6
The four-door, rear-wheel drive Lantra saloon was launched in 1991 as a 1.6-litre, 112bhp car with the choice of five-speed manual and four-speed automatic gearbox and in GLSi and CDi trim levels. The 1.8-litre CDi followed a year later when all models got side-impact beams. In 1993, the range was grown by introduction of the budget 1.5-litre version and all models benefitted from a revamp that updated the front as well as the interior styling. Superseded last year by the front wheel drive Lantra.



GOOD NEWS: Hyundai cars, built in South Korea and based on Japanese Mitsubishi engine technology is a partnership that would give any Western car maker sleepless nights because it means reliability, excellent equipment levels and surprisingly comfortable interiors for motorists.

BAD NEWS: Quibbles rather than anything major. The name sounds like a meditation mantra and Hyundai is not a manufacturer that designs shapes to stir the heart. Rear seating good but boot space not so accommodating.

SAFETY: Hyundai models are rated as average for safety by the Department of Transport. The Lantra uses a mix of front disc and rear drum brakes with anti-lock brakes introduced from 1993 on 1.8-litre models.

REPLACEMENT PARTS: (prices include VAT); clutch assembly £100; full exhaust £350; front damper £125 (pair); front brakepads £40 (a set); alternator £90 (exchange); gearbox £525 (exchange); tyre £30 to £45.

PRICES: Expect to pay £3,500 for a 1991 H-reg 1.6 GLSi 16v, £4,500 for a 1992 J-reg 1.6 GLSi 16v, £5,000 for a 1993 L-reg 1.5 LS, £6,100 for a 1993 L-reg 1.8 GLX 16v, £5,250 for a 1992 K-reg 1.8 CDi 16v and £6,750 for a 1994 M-reg 1.6 GLSi 16v.

LOOK FOR: Better-equipped CDi models which have air conditioning, electric windows and power-steering all fitted as standard, while later 1.8-litre cars also feature anti-lock brakes, tinted glass and electric sunroof.

AVOID: Earlier cars, which might offer better value for money but look downright cheap when compared to the Mondeos and Cavaliers. Pointless going for poorly-equipped LS versions when GLSi and CDi offer so much more.

INSURANCE: Cover from AA Insurance (0800 444777) on a 1992 Hyundai Lantra 1.6 GLSi costs a 55-year-old professional male or female living in Winchester with full no claims bonus, £165 a year fully comprehensive. A 22-year-old male, with one year no claims living in south London, pays £844 and a similar female £809.

OVERALL: The Lantra is adept in most departments but excels in few, except the all important area of customer satisfaction. The ever-trusty take-it-for-granted fridge-freezer of motoring, the Lantra will go and go but is unlikely to thrill.

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NEARLY eight million used cars were sold in Britain last year worth a total of £23.3 billion, an increase of more than a million cars and £4.5 billion over the previous year. The figures from ADT Auctions show that the used car market in Britain is the largest in Europe.

There were 135 sales of used cars per 1,000 people in Britain in 1995, against 118 in 1994. The market is nearly half as big again as that in Germany, Britain's nearest rival, where there were 91 secondhand sales per 1,000 people in 1995. The rate at which we buy and sell used cars is especially impressive when set against the car population of European countries. In that league Britain is fourth with 23.8million cars behind Germany (39.9million); Italy (29.9million) and France (24.9million).

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No truck with poor drivers

New hotlines to report bad truckers show motorists at fault too, says

Jenny Knight

Problems articulated: lorry drivers feared the hotlines would lose them their jobs, but British motorists have rung up to praise as well as criticise

Angry motorists who call hotlines to report terrible truck drivers are being tactfully told: "Sorry, you're the ones who can't drive."

Some of the complainants learn their angry reaction is just the result of the typical car driver's ignorance about the amount of space lorries need to manoeuvre.

The good lorry code set up by the Freight Transport Association is set to go national this month. So far 1,500 vehicles have registered with the pilot scheme and 570 people have rung the freephone number after seeing the "Well Driven?" badge on vehicles. Now a leaflet explaining how lorries swing when cornering or going round a roundabout is being produced to send to a minority of callers, diplomatically giving them a few driving tips.

Dave Timson of Safeway, which is a member of the FTA scheme, says: "Some drivers are unaware of the turning circle big vehicles need. Motorists try to nip up the side as they go round a roundabout and when the lorry swings they think they are being deliberately cut up. Our drivers were initially a bit sceptical, thinking we were checking up on them, but we have found 50 per cent of calls from the public praise them."

The Well Driven? hotline was launched six months ago along with the rival line, DriveCare. The idea of the public phoning in to report bad driving comes from America where it has resulted in a 25 per cent drop in fatalities involving commercial vehicles. Both of the organisations provide stickers and 24-hour incoming call monitoring.

The most common grievance is motorists saying they have been cut up, followed by complaints of tail-gating. All messages are passed on to the member companies to investigate. Major companies including Sainsbury, Safeway, Tesco, Marks & Spencer, Esso and Shell subscribe to the Good Lorry Code, while Autoglass, Body Shop and British Midland Airways have signed up with DriveCare.

Some of the more unexpected public complaints have been successfully resolved. One motorist who moaned about heavy lorries blocking the road as they queued to be unloaded was delighted to hear the supermarket had changed its delivery times to limit obstruction.

Sadly the motorist who used his mobile to call DriveCare to complain about a party of football supporters who were "mooning" up the motorway in the back of a coach, received little satisfaction.

John Slatcher, managing director of Sheerings coach company says: "The man said he could see some bare backsides pressed to the rear window. We found they were supporters from Bolton Wanderers but we couldn't hold the driver responsible. It's the sort of situation he couldn't do anything about. Generally we have had a high level of compliments about drivers who slacken off the speed to let motorists who are boxed in to change lane, or who just show a high level of courtesy. We take up all complaints and compliments with the drivers. If one driver had a pattern of complaints about cutting up or abusive behaviour we would see he was retrained."

One report about a child driving a massive lorry also led to no action after investigation revealed that the "child" was a slight woman with a short haircut.

DriveCare has fielded two calls from the police reporting poor driving. In both cases the police decided to leave the lorry drivers to face their employers rather than speeding after them. DriveCare's David Jackson says: "The police phoned us while they were escorting a wide load up the motorway. A driver nipped in between the police car and the wide-load vehicle and then swerved out almost immediately. When he was confronted he had to confess to his manager that his behaviour had been particularly stupid."

"We have found that tailgating is something which frightens many motorists. Often the lorry drivers have no idea that driving too close has such an intimidating effect, but we also try to remind the public that commercial vehicles are not allowed to use the outside lane of a motorway and if drivers hog the middle lane when they could pull into the inside lane it is very frustrating."

When the schemes started, many lorry drivers were worried their jobs might be endangered by frivolous complaints. Few predicted the British public's predilection for handing out merit marks. Two happy drivers from British Gas were praised by their boss after DriveCare passed on thanks both from a woman who was helped when she ran out of petrol and from a motorcyclist who admitted he had been travelling towards a junction much too fast. He reckoned his life was saved by the British Gas driver who skilfully slowed to avoid him.

Alan Copps unveils our classic team

Car 96 team takes Jaguars to the skills test

A 1955 Jaguar Mk VII once owned by the Queen Mother and the Series 1 XJS saloon which was the personal car of the company's founder, Sir William Lyons, in 1969 will be among the entries in the Motor City Challenge in Coventry at the end of the month.

These two, together with a 1948 Mk V Jaguar and a modern Jaguar saloon will form the team entered by *Car 96* for this test of driving skill in which the emphasis will be on manouevring ability and safety rather than on speed.

Jaguar, one of the makers still based in the city where Britain's motor industry was founded, has provided the cars as part of its contribution towards Motor in the City, the three-day event which celebrates Coventry's link with the industry on its 100th anniversary.

Motor in the City, for which *The Times* and *Car 96* is the official media partner, centres on three events. There is a parade of cars made in the city during the last 100 years, the Mayflower Shakespeare Run — an annual rally through the countryside which features classic machinery — and the Motor City Challenge. Drivers for *The Times* team will include Kevin Eason, motoring editor, and Alan Copps, editor of *Car 96*.

Supporting events throughout the weekend of August 30, 31 and September 1 will include a festival of films featuring cars, SEGA car computer games, a Scalextric competition, Eurosport remote-controlled cars, the Pirelli rally car simulator and possibly the simulator for Thrust SSC, Britain's world land speed record contender designed to travel at supersonic speed.

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There will be classes for new drivers, women drivers, disabled drivers, drivers of unusual cars, of classic cars of the current Coventry marques Jaguar, Peugeot and Rover and of older Coventry marques — more than 100 different companies have figured in the city's automotive history.

The competition will take drivers over a 90-mile road course through the countryside around Coventry, visiting a series of sites which have historic connections with the car industry. Many of the sites will feature tests of competitors' control, navigational and manouevring skills that have been devised by the Institute of Advanced Motorists.

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His daughter's discovery of a starving hedgehog trapped in a cattle grid in 1982 led the 10,000-strong society to campaign for escape ramps to be installed beneath the grids. These are now mandatory in many counties, but road traffic remains a major threat to the creatures.

How did you first learn to drive?

In the Army where we drove Jeeps, which were plentiful and very much in vogue after the last war.

What was your first car?

It was a Mini, or "baby Austin" as we called it in those days. It was new — quite something for a young man. I paid cash for it, including an extra £12 for a Smiths heater. This meant it was rather special and very popular with the girls.

What car do you drive now, and why?

I have driven Volvos for many years and now have a large, standard saloon. As a county councillor and member of the local police authority, I need a car that is reliable.

Do you like driving?

No, not really. These days it is only a means to get from A to B. Although I would rather drive than be driven it would never occur to me to just go out for a drive.

What is your most hated car?

Old bangers, all of them. I worry that they are unsafe and could lose a wheel and cause an accident.

What is your dream car?

I do not have one. If I won the Lottery I suppose I would get another, newer Volvo but I am not interested in getting a Rolls-Royce or some sort of racing car.

What is your worst habit in the car?

Occasional lapses of attention. I sometimes get flashed at by oncoming motorists and realise I am still on full-beam which I know can be very annoying.

What infuriates you most about other drivers?

Tail-gaters, particularly lorry drivers who look like they will not be able to stop in time. Also, when I am in a hurry and needing to overtake, motorists who bunch up in groups of five or six instead of spacing themselves sensibly.

What is the most unusual thing you have done in your car?

Slowed down to avoid an animal. That might not seem unusual but given the huge numbers killed on the road one can only assume that the usual response for many people is to drive straight at them.

Have you ever had points on your licence?

Many, many years ago I was stopped at random, breath-tested, given a small fine and banned for the minimum of one year. The money was neither here nor there but the ban hurt me a great deal. People are more sensible now and, quite rightly, there has been a change in the social climate.

What do you listen to in your car?

As a local politician I find my local station, BBC Radio Shropshire, extremely useful.

If you were Secretary of State for Transport, what is the first thing you would do?

After my own experience I would make more frequent use of licence-withdrawal as a deterrent. I would also replace the road-fund licence with heavier duties on fuel and commercial vehicles.

What is your favourite car advertisement?

Some are very clever. The Renault series with Papa and Nicole is particularly attractive.

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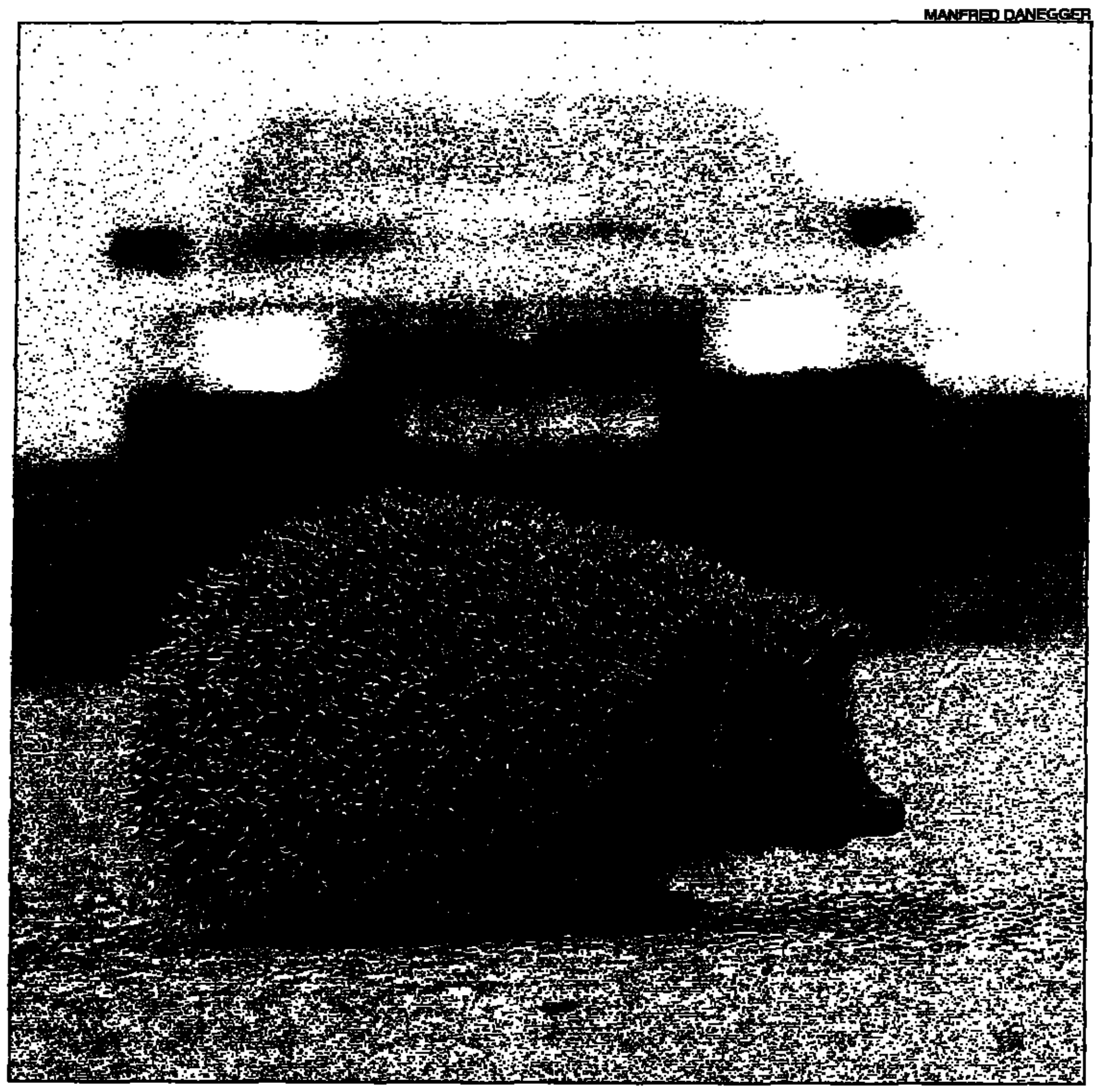

Major Adrian Coles with his reliable Volvo: "The usual response for many people must be to drive straight at animals on the road."

DR DASHBOARD

So now we are facing Toad rage?

Q I was driving through the countryside the other day and saw a warning sign, a red triangle with a picture of a toad in the middle. Is it something to do with real reptiles or a reference to The Wind in the Willows?

A It means you should slow down because you are approaching a place where toads have to cross the road.

Q Have you been at the surgical spirit doctor? How can toads be a motoring hazard?

A If a lot of toads got squashed on the same bit of road there would be a danger that cars might skid on the ... er ... remains. But the main point is to protect rare species from extinction.

Q You mean that story about Mr Toad was true. They really do lack road sense?

A Some toads in this country, notably the natterjacks, are migratory. They all follow the same path to breeding sites usually in the middle of the night and risk being wiped out in large numbers.

Q So why don't rabbits and hedgehogs, which are much more common and are always getting squashed by cars, have similar signs to protect them?

A Toads are creatures of habit, the places where they cross the road are predictable. On some new roads special tunnels have been built to let them pass safely. The poor hedgehogs and bunnies pop up all over the place and there's no way of knowing where to put the warning signs.

Q What should I do if I see a hedgehog, rabbit or some other animal sitting in the path of my car then?

A There's not a lot you can do. Whatever you do don't swerve to avoid it. That way you risk losing control of the car. You could endanger your own life as well other road users.

Q You mean I should just carry on and cheerfully squash the poor creature?

A Unfortunately the answer is yes, but try not to be cheerful because the toll is appalling. More than five times as many foxes — 100,000 — die in road accidents than are killed by hunts each year: 40,000 badgers die every year, 100,000 hedgehogs and another 100,000 rabbits, 5,000 barn owls and more than a million toads.

Q That advice is ludicrous. What if the animal is very big, like a cow or a deer?

A Then you could be in trouble. Norwich Union says hitting a large animal can cause enough damage to force them to write off a car. Claims jump at this time of year because even if motorists avoid running in to the animal they swerve and hit something else.

Q I heard a story about a motorist who killed a deer, put it in the boot and took it home to cook. Is this recommended?

A Certainly not. A lot of deer are Royal property — he might have been committing treason. Anyway that method of shopping is much more unreliable than a quick stop at Sainsbury's.

Q So should I report any of these animal-related accidents to the police station?

A If it involves horses, farm animals or dogs you should treat it just like any other accident. Try to establish who owns the creature and exchange names and addresses and insurance details. You don't have to report accidents involving cats, although you might have a chat with your neighbour if you run over their tabby.

Q So you really have no competent advice to give. Just what we expect from our broken down motoring medic.

A Actually, dear patient there is something significant you could do to improve your chances of staying alive and giving lots of furry creatures a chance to go on enjoying Britain's countryside: don't hit anything in the first place. Slow down to a sensible speed, particularly on rural lanes.

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Jennai Cox on the measured pace of the fuel-efficiency competition, heading for the 10,000mpg barrier

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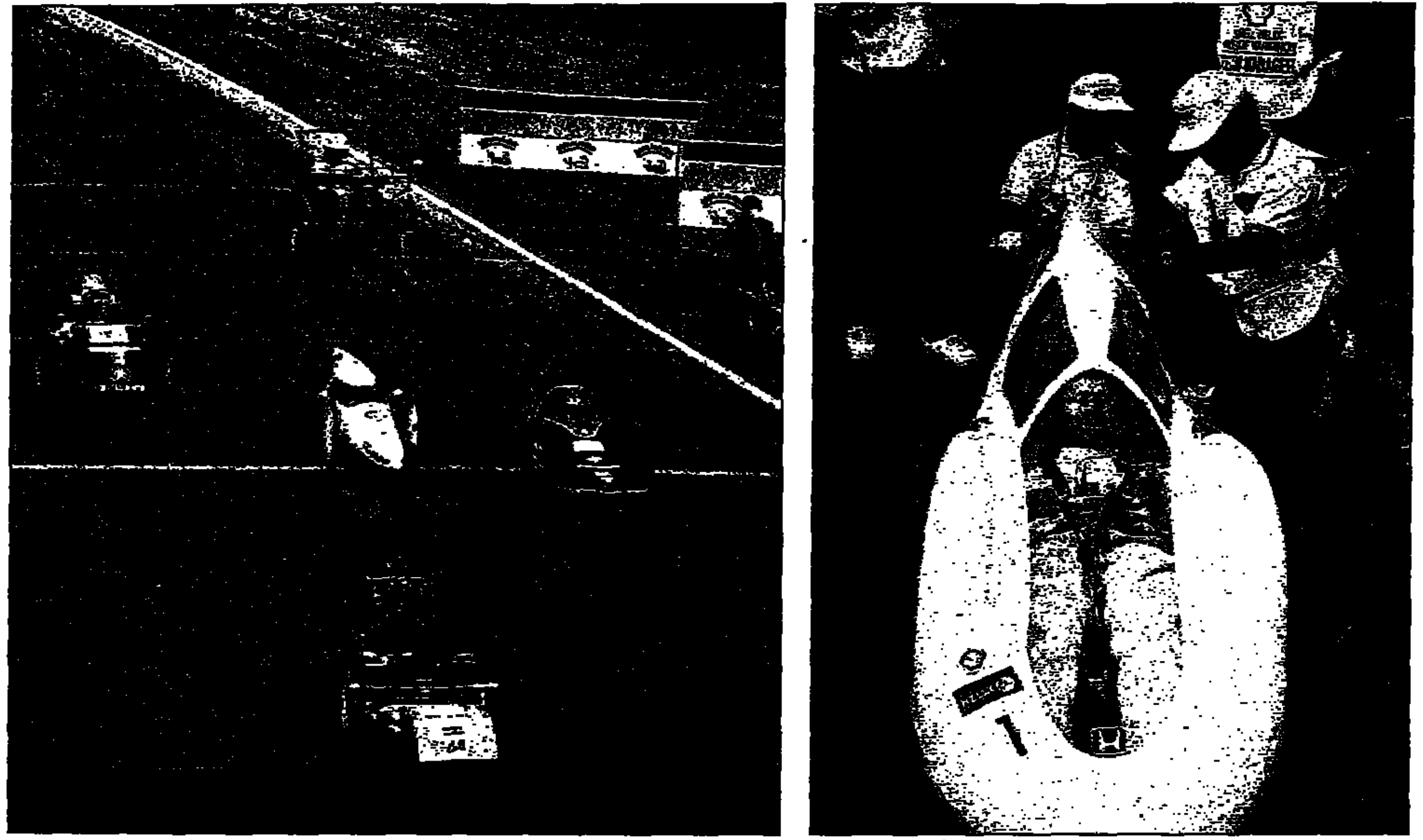

Weight is all-important in the Mileage Marathon, won this year by Honda's 30kg carbon-fibre monocoque-chassis car (right)

Cruising on the whiff of an oil-rag

With three bicycle-size wheels, bodywork resembling a toothpaste tube and so light it can be lifted with one hand, the Japanese Team 1200 vehicle last month became the most fuel-efficient car in the world.

In an event described as the "*X-files* of the motoring world" a team of five Honda factory workers beat 80 competitors from around the world for the second year to achieve 5,348 miles per gallon in their 30kg carbon-fibre monocoque-chassis car. The most economical vehicle on the open road, according to the *Guiness Book of Records*, is the Honda Civic ETI, which did 85.96mpg in the Round-Britain economy test in 1993.

What is now known as the Shell Helix Mileage Marathon started 50 years ago as a test for family saloon cars. By the 1960s engines were modified, pushing performance to 365mpg and in 1976 a group of enthusiasts using cycles and motorbikes with sidecar platforms broke the 1,000mpg barrier.

Today the vehicles are driven ten miles round a circuit with a fixed amount of fuel which is measured after ten laps. Motor manufacturers, engine hobbyists and technology students have joined the quest for the 10,000mpg car.

A team of students from Cranfield managed 1,097mpg on the one-mile oval at Mallory Park in Leicester 20 years ago. Six years later four machines achieved 2,000mpg and in 1988 a vehicle built by two Honda technicians achieved 6,409mpg. The unbeaten world record was set by a French team, Lycée la Joliverie A, which reached 7,951mpg.

Vehicles challenging that record need to be aerodynamic, small-engined, extremely lightweight and driven by miniature pilots. The RAC gives the event special dispensation so that children as young as ten can drive. One of the smallest competitors this year was 4ft Laura Wilson, weighing 4st 9lbs.

The winning Honda vehicle is no longer than a Mini, 26in wide and 22in high. Clad in slippery panels to minimise wind resistance, it runs on a 30cc magnesium engine. The six-stroke cycle engine (the design for which came to the team leader in a dream) ensures that gasses are expelled more regularly than in a road car.

Drivers use a "coast and burn" technique to get the most out of every drop of fuel and although the average speed must be 15mph, corners are turned as quickly as possible without braking to make maximum use of the momentum.

What started as no more than a game is gradually producing information that could be used to build more fuel-efficient road cars. Honda says some of the technology, such as the computer-controlled engine, could soon be adapted for standard vehicles.

Used MoT'd cars exposed as death-traps

Watchdogs discovered serious faults in all the aged second-hand forecourt bargains they tested, say

Tony Dawe and **Kevin Eason**

Fears about the safety of the increasing number of old bangers on Britain's roads are being raised after a survey revealed that all the cars purchased in a study by consumer watchdogs were unroadworthy.

The team from Devon county council found defective handbrake cables, insecure brake pipes, serious steering faults and extensive rust in the cars which were all sold with current MoT certificates.

The findings come as new statistics show that more than 2.4 million cars over nine years old were sold last year, an increase of 146 per cent in four years and far greater than sales of new cars, which reached only 1.9 million.

"What has been discovered in Devon can in all probability be mirrored across the rest of country," warns Richard Seddon, Devon's public protection committee chairman. "The exercise was a unique way of gauging the availability of dangerous cars exposed for sale at the lower end of the market and also questions the reliance which motorists place upon the MoT test."

The dozen cars were all bought from second-hand car dealers by the team of trading standards officers which regularly targets the car trade. All the cars were more than nine years old and cost between £215 and £560, the price which many people pay for a car for their sons and daughters.

The most expensive car, a W-registered Ford Fiesta with a MoT certificate only a month old, had an insecure brake pipe and a front brake pad which did not make full contact with the disc. A £460 X-registered Ford Escort was dangerously corroded with an insecure exhaust and faulty wheel-hub bearing.

Among the cheaper cars, a £260 W-registered Audi 80 suffered from brake imbalance, corroded fuel pipes and an insecure air intake and fuel distribution unit.

A Y-registered Datsun Stanza, sold for £230 with a six-month-old MoT, was badly rusted with insecure brake pipes and collapsed clutch pedal mounting. Two tyres had less tread than the legal limit and the car was sold with tyre pressures on the rear wheels of 35 and six pounds per square inch. The front bumper was also falling off.

"Consumers paying between £200 and £600 are entitled to buy a safe car," says Steve Butterworth, Devon's director of trading standards. "Our survey shows that they are playing Russian roulette with their lives and other road users if they rely on the MoT certificates as an indication of the safety of the vehicle."

While the Devon findings are quite shocking, Nicholas Scholes, a part-time dealer from Uxbridge, Middlesex, says there are plenty of good buys for people with an eye for a bargain. "Cars are better made these days and go on a lot longer than they ever did," he explains. "For the most part, they are more reliable and the bodies can remain in great shape if they are well looked after."

He adds: "People want to find a car for their son or daughter which is cheap to buy and insure, a factor which is now very important. They might want a second car for their wives, but they don't want to spend more than £1,000, which is the psychological price barrier. If they can find something that is in good shape, has an MoT and is about £500, they are happy."

Butterworth and his team are demanding tougher measures, however, to clamp down on the issue of "dodgy" MoT certificates. They want greater powers to check cars on garage forecourts.

"While trading standard officers have extensive powers to check on the descriptions applied to goods and services, they have no power to check on the roadworthiness of vehicles offered for sale on car forecourts," Butterworth says. "The consequences are that officers can only respond to problems after the consumer has complained and that may be too late."

The increase in old cars on the roads is also disturbing motoring organisations, environmentalists and motor industry executives who warn that the most elderly 10 per cent of cars on the road cause half the pollution.

The Labour Party is considering adopting an industry proposal to pay motorists to scrap cars over ten years old, following successful trials of the scheme abroad. The French Government offered a 5,000 franc (£660) incentive to motorists to scrap their bangers and put the grant towards a new car; the result was an increase of about 280,000 new models bought under the scrap-for-cash plan.

Introducing such a scheme here would reverse the trend where motorists shy away from new cars because they believe them to be too expensive, while insurance rates have spiralled because of theft and vandalism.

Peter Greene, of the Devon trading standards team, inspects one of the faulty parts

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Alan Copps on the mistakes that delayed a written test result for a month

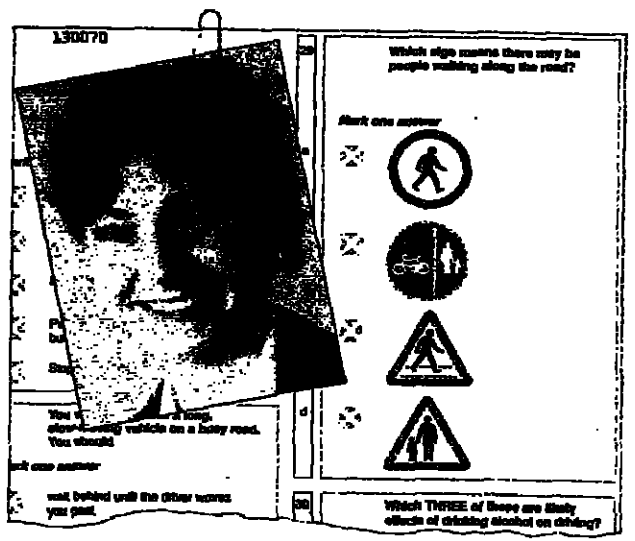
New test write-off for Louise

THE INTRODUCTION of the theory driving test on July 1 has been fraught with difficulty, but few new drivers can have had such a frustrating time as Louise Carmody from Bridgend, Cardiff.

She was one of the first to sit and to pass the new test, yet she has only just received official notification of her pass, which means she can now apply for a full licence, exactly one month after completing the classroom theory test.

Her story is a series of blunders for which the Driving Standards Agency issued an "unreserved apology" this week after being contacted for the second time by *Car 96*.

Louise sat her test at the DSA's Cardiff theory centre on July 2, having passed her practical test the previous day. When she got into the classroom she noticed that a mistake had been made in her driver number and other details at the head of the paper. She pointed it out, it was amended and, together with other candidates, she completed the questions and was told to expect a result in about ten days' time. A week later friends who sat the test with her had received their results. She had heard nothing.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Which sign means there may be people walking along the road?
Mark one answer
Mark one answer
Which THREE of these are likely effects of drinking alcohol on driving?

Louise Carmody: sent a new test date instead of a pass

Her mother, Kath Carmody, called the DSA's inquiry hotline fearing that the mistaken details might be responsible for the delay. "I was passed from person to person and couldn't get any satisfaction. So in the end I wrote to them. But the really annoying thing is that they never responded to my letters," she says. Finally in a series of telephone calls on July 19, the DSA confirmed both to her and to *Car 96* that Louise had passed and said that a letter to that effect would be issued.

Astonishingly what then arrived at Louise's home was a letter dated July 22, confirming another appointment for the test on July 31. "I just couldn't believe it. We'd waited all that time, been told that she'd passed and then they sent a letter setting a new date," said Mrs Carmody.

"Louise had been offered a free motorway driving lesson and was anxious to take advantage of it, but she was told she couldn't do it without a full licence."

After a further exchange of letters, Louise finally got her notification on Thursday. "Something has obviously gone horribly wrong here. We'll look into it and in the meantime offer her an unreserved apology," said a DSA spokeswoman.